

RICHARDSON DEES PRIMARY SCHOOL
GOVERNING BODY

ASSETS COMMITTEE

(Finance, Premises and Health and Safety)

IMPACT STATEMENT: 2021-2022

The challenges of living with Covid have continued into this year putting operational, safeguarding and financial pressures on our school. With regard to governance we have continued to operate effectively holding our committee meetings virtually. Operating in this way we have continued to make a considerable positive impact on the performance, financial integrity, physical environment and safety of our school.

Specific areas of impact during this time include:

- A continued monitoring of the Covid safe environment to ensure our staff and pupils remain as protected as possible in our care including the mental health and wellbeing of all.
- Our level and consistency of financial and budget scrutiny has enabled us to come through the challenging year with a healthy outturn, ability to make physical improvements to the school and look ahead to the next financial year in a strong position.
- Our SVFS was submitted ahead of time and was accepted without amendment.
- We have taken opportunities to gain any additional funding we can to minimise the risk of a shortfall of resources.
- We continue to challenge the school to critically examine our SLA arrangements to ensure we get the best value for money possible. The Head Teacher and the Business Manager are now much more proactive in reviewing these arrangements and pursuing alternative provision where this exists.
- We continue to monitor the costs and benefits of the North Tyneside Learning Trust and this continues to add value to the school. Specifically matched funding is enabling us to train more staff in Thrive practices than we would have been able to fund.
- Our continued close attention to Health and Safety through the lead governor and this committee resulted in the Gold award being reissued to our school.
- A fundamental change to the way all committees review our policies has resulted in a much more time efficient process being adopted. This was first discussed and agreed in this committee.
- Our committee takes the lead in monitoring our SIP Priority on attendance. The quality of monitoring and actions has improved considerably and this is now starting to be reflected in actual attendance data.