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Governor Update - Curriculum

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The Governor Curriculum Committee met on Monday this week. Here is an outline of what they did:

- 1) Governors looked at the data for Early Years Foundation Stage (End of Reception) and how children are baselined, assessed and tracked over the year.
- 2) They reviewed the Personal, Health & Relationship Policy (including Sex & Relationship Education). Governors discussed what is included in the new national curriculum and what the statutory responsibilities are. The policy was ratified by governors.
- 3) Governors looked at the homework policy and saw for themselves examples of children's homework books and work on display that had been completed at home. They found that homework was set consistently, differentiated according to different children's needs, covered a range of subjects and was marked. In addition, governors asked the question about the amount of time given to complete homework and some good suggestions were discussed - watch this space! Governors were also shown the Abacus Maths Online - they were impressed with how it works, understood some of the difficulties that both the school and parents/carers have had with this and understand how this links to the national curriculum.
- 4) Collective Worship was also discussed - one of the governors had attended an act of collective worship in school. The policy was discussed and ratified by governors.
- 5) Children's presentation and handwriting is an area which is being developed across the school. Governors discussed the policy and ratified it.

All policies are now on the school's website at www.carpenters.newham.sch.uk

