

# GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

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## Governor Newsletter: July 2025

Dear parents and carers,

As we head towards the last day of term our final governor newsletter reports the academic year from September 2024 and looks forward to the year starting September 2025.

Due to a number of governor resignations and end of terms of office a major focus for the remaining board was governor recruitment. We are pleased to announce in January we recruited a new parent governor, in May a co-opted governor, June 2 partnership governors and July a further co-opted meaning we have only one vacancy remaining.

We hope this will mean we can start with strength in the new academic year, developing as a board and focusing on strategic development in our September training session.

Our full governing board meets monthly from September to July; minutes are recorded by our professional clerk and minutes are available upon request.

As volunteers, the governors give considerable time and experience to the school without remuneration. It is a demanding but rewarding role that offers a significant opportunity to contribute to the community and develop additional skills. All governors receive training and can benefit from professional development in specific aspects of their role.

We have completed several monitoring visits to the school and activities as part of our role in compliance and accountability; including: data analysis; humanities visit; mind, body and soul visit; safeguarding monitoring; H&S; pupil premium analysis; sports premium monitoring; attainment monitoring and attendance analysis. We have also visited the school on other occasions, including: Christmas lunch, parent consultation evenings, Easter picnic, instrumental showcases and other events.



The school conducts a parent survey every year to understand what is working well and where there may be areas for improvement. We compare the results to previous years and publish them. We plan to continue to gather information formally from parents in the survey and informally through attending school events and regular governor availability in the playground and during parent consultation evenings. You can also contact the governors through the school office. We will regularly gather pupil and staff voice in our visits moving forward.

The school, in common with many others, faces increasing financial challenges. Most local authority schools are struggling to operate within their funding, which has not risen in real terms to meet increasing costs. Governors review the budget with the School Business Manager and are considering ways in which the school can achieve longer-term financial stability to ensure a more sustainable position. This will require a creative strategic approach to provide the best opportunities not only for our current children but for generations to come.

The biggest financial factor that we can influence is to ensure that the school continues to fill every available place, throughout the school. To do this, we need to promote the school actively to prospective applicants, demonstrating the first-class education provided. We welcome the support of parents and carers in recommending the school to others.

We are always looking for people who could contribute to the governance of the school, either as parents or members of the local community. This is your school, and you can help shape its future.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be suitable, feel free to get in touch.

**Bretta Townend Jowitt**  
Chair of Governors

