

Meet the Governors

Chair: Jane Erving

Vice-Chair: Lauren Fitzjohn

Parents: Nikki Stark, Kashan Pervaiz, Jessica Gane

Co-Opted: Jim Gordon, Clare Spiller, Sarah Badham

Local Authority: Cariad Comfort

Staff: Laura Galley

Head Teacher: Gary Tucker

Clerk: Lesley Lodge



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Governing Body Update

This term we have said farewell to Andrew Hiscock (Co-Opted), and Richard Hoyle (Staff) both long standing and highly valued members of the governing body, we thank them for their dedication to the school. Happily, both remain associated with the school, through their existing roles as a religious community leader and SENCO, respectively.

We have successfully elected a new Co-Opted Governor, Paul Goring, who many of you may know from his role with Woodmancote Cricket Club, we welcome Paul to this role and look forward to being able to draw on his wealth of expertise linked to management and recruitment.



Role of a Governor

This is the second newsletter of the academic year, where we are looking to share what the Governors have been doing and how we work with the school leadership team to support the best educational needs and provision for those at Woodmancote Primary School.

Our objectives:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.



Governor Committees

We are committed to continually reviewing and evaluating the role of the governing committee. As such we have agreed this term to reduce the number of committees, from six to three.

Full Governors: Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction. That the curriculum is implemented and meeting the educational needs of the children. That safeguarding arrangements are complied with in line with legislation.

Finance and Premises: Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure money is well spent and that the premises continues to support the educational needs of the children.

Staffing: Overseeing the wellbeing, appointment, and management of the staffing community.



The Governors have attended many of the academic and cultural events hosted by the school this term, including the yr 4 & 5 trip to Cleeve Hill, the Yr 2 play and the Sports Day. The values of the school: Belong, Aspire and Achieve really shone through in the interactions and attitude of the children.

Message from the Chair

Next year as part of the on going evolution of the governing body we will be looking to hold 'Governors in School Days' these will enable the governing body as a whole to visit and observe lessons beng taught across the school, with a focus on English and Maths and how other ares of the curriculum are taught.

We thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication this year, and wish the departing Yr 6 pupils the best of luck in the future as they head towards senior school. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the email address below or perhaps, have a chat to one of our parent governors in the playground.

Governing Body Meetings

During the Summer Term the Finance, Staffing, Premises, Safeguarding, Curriculum and Standard Committee and the Full Governing Board have all met at least once. A range of issues were discussed including:



- Financial approval for the 2023-24 budget.
- Pupil progress and attainment so far this year.
- Spotlight on PHSE and how the curriculum is implemented.
- Health and Safety Policy and Fire Risk Assessment.

As part of the Governing Body's monitoring responsibilities, Governors are involved in ensuring the school is making good progress towards achieving the actions in the School Development Plan. We are working on a new visit plan to encompass recent changes.

During the Spring Terms visits have included:



- Nikki Stark yr 6 classroom visit.
- Lauren Fitzjohn reviewed the learning environment with a learning walk through of the school.
- Clare Spiller safeguarding visits.
- Cariad Comfort EYFS visit



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