

Meet the Governors

Chair: Jane Erving
Vice-Chair: Lauren Fitzjohn (Parent)
Parent: Nikki Stark, Kashan Pervaiz, Jessica Gane
Co-Opted: Jim Gordon (Parent), Clare Spiller, Sarah Badham, Heather Prentice
Local Authority: Cariad Comfort
Teacher: Luke Ridal
Head Teacher: Gary Tucker
Clerk: Lesley Lodge



Message from the Chair

Welcome to another governor newsletter. It's been such a short term, hard to believe the Easter holidays are almost upon us. We've had one change to the Governing Body this term, in that Paul Goring has left us. This is happy news for him as he's left to pursue his passion for art, but sad for us to lose a valued member of the team. We will be looking to co-opt another governor to replace him.

Regarding recruiting governors, later in the year we will likely be holding elections for parent governors. If that's something you might be interested in and would like to find out more, please drop me a line at chair@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk and I'd be happy to explain more about the role.

Parking at school drop off and pick up time continues to be something of a vexed issue! Gridlock near the mini roundabout is particularly common and there have been occasions when the Cleeve School bus has been unable to get through. That would also apply to any emergency vehicle trying to enter or leave Britannia Way.

I have spoken to our local Councillor about the issue, and she has agreed to re-engage Highways to see whether there is anything that can be done. I will report back as and when I have more information. In the meantime, please park sensibly, even if it means a slightly longer walk. And for those arriving at school on foot - thank you and please take care, especially when crossing Station Road.

Wishing you all an excellent Easter holiday – maybe it will even stop raining!

Governing: Meetings Outcomes

During the Spring Term all committees have met. A range of issues were discussed including:

- The results of the staff wellbeing survey. This included all staff in any capacity throughout the school.
- School development plan, including safeguarding.
- Statutory Policy review where amendments were necessary.
- Review of Little Chestnuts and Woodpeckers financial position.
- Review of recent premises audit and agreed actions.
- Approval of SFVS (Schools Financial Value Standards).

Governing: School Visits

During the Spring Term several school visits have been conducted:

Nikki Stark: SEND Learning walk and action plan review.

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Jessica Gane: Annual governors health and safety audit. Outcome: To review the storage facilities for children's belongings.

Jane Erving: School Improvements Team (SIT) visit: writing is a key area that suffered during the pandemic, not just at Woodmancote but nationally, and the SIT is working with all staff to develop and implement plans to get us on track. The signs are promising but assessment in the summer term will tell us more.