

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

And just like that....it was the end of the school year! As ever, it's been a busy year in school, kicking off with the long-awaited Ofsted visit. Seems a long time ago now, but, as you know, it went very well, and our school retained its status as a Good school.

This year the governors have been using a slightly different structure for our monitoring activities, largely aiming to achieve our responsibilities with less meetings. We will be reviewing the success of this approach at our final Full Governing Body meeting of the year and identifying any tweaks we feel are necessary. More details will be found in the Governor Impact Statement, which will be available at the start of the next term.

One area where the governors have been supporting the school, is in regard to the funding we receive from the local authority for children with SEND; in short, it's not enough. Approaches have been made by the school but also in the form of a letter from the governors. Whilst we have received a holding response, we are still awaiting word on any substantive changes. It will be interesting to see what changes the new government will make, regarding funding and education more generally.

I am still awaiting news from our councillor regarding her engagement with Highways about parking around the school. Truthfully, I'm not holding my breath, so it's another plea from me to park sensibly and not to cause congestion near the mini roundabout at Station Road/Britannia Way junction. I've been at school around the end of the day a few times lately and I can't say things are looking any better.

Now it's my Oscars moment where I get to thank everyone (and acknowledge that I'm bound to forget someone!). First up, thanks to all the governors for their sterling work this year. Some governor terms will come to an end next academic year so there will be parent governor elections. If you fancy standing and would like more information, please get in touch with me at chair@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk or with any of the other governors. Next up, I'd like to offer heartfelt thanks to the PTA for all their hard work and fundraising this year. I'm sure we all appreciate the fun events such as Woodmanstock, and the funds they raise for our school.

And last, but not least, a big thank you to all Woodmancote School staff, who work tirelessly to ensure that children not only receive an excellent education but also get to participate in a wide range of enrichment activities – choir, literary festival and residentials, to name but three. And finally, I wish you all a restful but fun summer holidays and, as I seem to say every time, I hope it stops raining for you.

Governing: Meetings Outcomes

During the Summer Term all committees have met.

Staffing Committee: Reviewed the new staffing structure for the next academic year.

Finance and Premises: Scrutiny and approval of Governor Budget Plan (GBP) and three-year plan. Approval of expenditure to upgrade the IT provision in school.

Governing: School Visits

EYFS team visit: The team have been working hard to create a wonderfully enriching curriculum, whilst meeting each child's individual needs. The children were busy using their new climbing equipment and problem-solving through play. The staff are passionate, and this is demonstrated in their everyday practice and the environments the children are also lucky to have.