

Meet the Governors

Chair: Jane Erving

Vice-Chair: Heather Prentice

Parent: Nikki Stark, Kashan Pervaiz, Jessica Gane, Drew Rillet

Co-Opted: Jim Gordon (Parent), Clare Spiller, Sarah Badham

Local Authority: Cariad Comfort

Teacher: Luke Ridal

Head: Gary Tucker

Clerk: Lesley Lodge



Message from the Chair

First-up, there have been a few changes to the board of governors. Our previous vice-chair, Lauren Fitzjohn, came to the end of her term as a governor, so has now left us. I'd like to record my thanks to Lauren for everything she did during her 4 years as a governor. In addition, Jim Gordon has stepped down as Chair of the Finance and Premises Committee after 4 years. Heather Prentice has now stepped into both roles – Vice Chair and Chair of Finance and Premises. Finally, we now have a new parent governor, Drew Rillet, who has just joined us.

There's another very important thank you from the governors and that is to Richard Hoyle, who retires at the end of term. He has been at Woodmancote for 23 years, firstly as a class teacher and, more recently, as SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator). He has been an inspirational teacher and will be hugely missed. We all wish him a very happy and well deserved retirement. The good news is that Mrs McCormack is taking over as SENCo, so we know that role is in safe hands.

In other news, you may have picked up elsewhere that Woodpeckers has stopped compulsory reading for children who attend the club as it wasn't popular! However, there is still a reading corner for those children who wish to read. On the sustainability front, Woodmancote is now part of a scheme to send surplus IT equipment to Africa. This is equipment that has been replaced but is still fully functional.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Governing: Meetings Outcomes

During the Autumn Term all committees have met.

Staffing Committee: Reviewed the staffing structure and SIT in line with the school priorities for 24-25.

Finance and Premises: Scrutiny of the Governor Budget Plan and three-year plan considering the new government planning and recent budget changes.

Curriculum and Standards: This board has been reinstated this year, meeting to agree the TORs (Terms of Reference) and the governor class representative's roles and responsibilities.

Governing: School Visits

SENCo Visit: Nikki Stark undertook a SENCo learning walk and reviewed the school development plan.

Cyber Security Training: The teaching staff undertook and completed NCSC personal cyber security for schools. To align with the new computer provision for school.

Safeguarding: Claire Spiller regularly met with the Head to review safeguarding issues, as they arose.

SEMH (Social Emotional and Mental Health) visit: Jessica Gane visited the team and was able to discuss the positive impact felt following the introduction of relational practice and the family support role.