# **GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe that we are nearly two thirds through the school year; Spring is well and truly here and the Easter break is on the horizon.

Over the past few weeks, a number of new children and their families have been welcomed into the Forton school family. We know that you have all settled well and we hope that you will make yourselves known to us when we see you around school and the village.

As you will be aware school said goodbye to Mr Hayley this term, school and governors are in the process of appointing a new member of staff and we will let you know once that has happened.

We wish you an enjoyable holiday, when it gets here and hopefully the weather will enable us all to get out and about.

Peter Taylor (Chair of Governors) Ruth Ross (Vice Chair of Governors)

## **Recent Activities**

- Held a Full Governing Board meeting Autumn term
- Held a Standards and Effectiveness meeting with School Adviser
- Held Governor sub-committee meetings
- Received an update on the School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Received the headteacher's report and assessment report
- Carried out link governor visits and monitoring at school
- Reviewed a number of school policies in accordance with monitoring timetable
- Carried out a finance and resources review
- Conducted a Governor skills audit
- Carried out individual training to help governors in their roles

### **Planned Activities**

During the Summer term, the Governing Board will:

- Agree the budget and staffing for 2022-23
- With the headteacher, review and approve the updated School Improvement Plan against Self Evaluation priorities
- Identify areas of focus for the 2022-23 School Improvement Plan
- Receive subject leaders reports and participate in visits as outlined in the monitoring timetable
- Prepare for and attend formal meetings
- Review Governors' action plan and set objectives for the Full Governing Board linked to the School Improvement Plan
- It is likely that Ofsted will be paying a visit to the school in the not too-distant future and governors are preparing to meet with them



# **Spring Meeting Dates**

Standards, Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting **10<sup>th</sup> February 2022** 

Resources Committee Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Full Governing Board (FGB) Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Standards and Effectiveness Committee Meeting **29<sup>th</sup> March 2022** 

### **Governor Updates**

We have sadly received the resignation of one of our Governors, Annemarie Briggs. We would like to thank her for all her valuable work and commitment over the past 18 years.

We will be using the skills audit to assist in the recruitment of a new Governor for the school.

Our new Parent Governors, Martin Dean and Richard Budd, have completed induction training and like other Governors have also participated in various training sessions linked to their individual roles.

### How to contact us

If you would like to contact the Chair or Vice Chair of Governors to raise any issue in confidence, you can do so either by letter or email via the school office