

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governors, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new children and their families, as well as those continuing at Forton School.

From visits carried out by governors so far this term and reports from the school, the new school year has started positively and the children have settled well into daily routines and all seem to be happy and enjoying their learning.

A full list of governors on the board can be found on the school website, along with information regarding their specific roles and responsibilities.

As school governors we are responsible for the vision and strategic direction of Forton Primary. We hold the Headteacher to account for how well pupils achieve and progress educationally, and for the quality of teaching. We also oversee how the school spends its money, making sure the school stays in budget and receives value for money. More details on the role of a governor can be found at the end of this newsletter.

If you would like to know a little more about the role of the Governing Board, please contact us.

We look forward to meeting you at future school events.

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

Recent Activities

- Held a Full Governing Board meeting – Summer term
- Held a Standards and Effectiveness meeting with School Adviser
- Attended a safeguarding training session with all members of staff
- 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

Planned Activities

During the Autumn term, the Governing Board will:

- With the headteacher, review and approve the updated School Improvement Plan against Self Evaluation priorities
- Receive subject leaders reports and participate in visits as outlined in the monitoring timetable
- Prepare for and attend formal meetings as detailed on right
- 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



Autumn Meeting Dates

Standards, Teaching and Learning
Committee Meeting
22nd September 2022

Resources Committee Meeting
29th September 2022

Full Governing Board (FGB)
Meeting
24th November 2022

Standards and Effectiveness
Committee Meeting
12th December 2022

Governor Updates

We welcome two new Governors to the Board. Parent Governor Laura Hartley and Community Governor Nichola Hetherington. We look forward to working with them.

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.

ROLE OF A GOVERNOR

As set out in our Code of Conduct for the Governing Body document, the governing body has the following core strategic functions:

Establishing the strategic direction by:

- o Setting the vision, values, and objectives for the school
- o Agreeing the school improvement strategy with priorities and targets
- o Meeting statutory duties

Ensuring accountability by:

- o Appointing the Headteacher
- o Monitoring progress towards targets
- o Performance managing the Headteacher
- o Engaging with stakeholders
- o Contributing to school self-evaluation

Ensuring financial probity by:

- o Setting the budget
- o Monitoring spending against the budget
- o Ensuring value for money is obtained
- o Ensuring risks to the organisation are managed

To ensure these core strategic functions are met, each individual governor has a role to play within the governing body. While the role demands a level of time and effort, the Governing Board work together as a team and all accept fair responsibility in effectively meeting our statutory duties.

As individual governors we are expected to:

- o rigorously and consistently monitor SIP targets and data to ensure progress
- o participate in events and training opportunities throughout the year
- o be a link governor for a subject area or key stage
- o ask questions to explore issues further
- o ensure we deliver the very best education possible for the children in Forton Primary School
- o seek to provide the appropriate balance of support and challenge so that the school fulfils its statutory duties
- o strive to build further on achievements.