

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school year is already well under way and from visits carried out by governors and reports from the school, the children have settled well into daily routines and all seem to be happy and enjoying their learning.

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. The Governors hope, like yourselves, that we will be able to attend some of the events taking place in school this year and have the opportunity to meet with you.

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

Have a good half term break.

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
- 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
- Accompanied school to Beacon Fell
- Joined with staff for an after-school training session, by external consultant Dr Lynne Blair, about how to enhance the Computing curriculum for all children and the resources that are available.

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

School Improvement Plan

The priorities for this year which the governors will monitor are:

- Continue to improve the quality of teaching, learning and assessment in the Early Years.
- To monitor and review the Science, Computing and Music curriculums effectively.
- To further improve the teaching and learning of English and mathematics across all key stages.



Autumn Meeting Dates

Standards, Teaching and Learning
Committee Meeting
7th October 2021

Resources Committee Meeting
20th October 2021

Full Governing Board (FGB)
Meeting
2nd December 2021

Standards and Effectiveness
Committee Meeting
14th December 2021

Governor Updates

We welcome two new Parent Governors, Martin Dean and Richard Budd, to the board. We look forward to working with them.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Sara Armstrong, whose term of office as a Governor has ended.

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.