



Governor Newsletter

SummerTerm 2019

Term of Office

One of the items on the agenda of each of our Full Governing Body meetings is the membership of the governing body. The clerk will inform us of the end of term of office of any governor so that the necessary arrangements can be made. My term of office and Rebecca Masons end in the Autumn term. As a parent governor Rebecca can decide to stand again and elections will be held next term. My four year term of office ends in October this year. As a Foundation Governor I am appointed by the Parochial Church Council so I will complete the necessary form and present that at our next PCC meeting in July for their approval to serve another term. Mrs Carole Butcher agreed to continue as a governor at our last meeting but as most of you will know she is planning to move to Leeds and has a potential buyer for her house. Carole is a Community Governor so if she does leave us at the end of this term we will appoint someone from the local community. All governors complete a skills audit at the beginning of each year and this will help us to decide on the skills we will look for.

Chairs' Forum

On Monday 3rd June I attended the summer term Chairs' Forum at Trumacar Primary School, Heysham. The speakers were Ajay Sethi (Head of Learning Services and Skills), Paul Bonser (Head of Service— Education, Quality and Performance (Acting) and Sally Richardson who spoke about the SEND improvement plan. Ajay spoke about the new expectations in the inspection framework and emphasizing the importance of monitoring the school improvement to ensure that we are meeting our vision for all pupils.

Paul Bonser spoke about the Inclusion hubs that are being set up across Lancashire to ensure that pupils' needs are better met. High quality training will be provided for staff and expertise shared across schools.

School Building

One of the responsibilities of the Governing Body is to ensure that the school buildings and grounds are maintained and developed so that they are safe and provide an appropriate and exciting space for learning.

Last year the running track was installed and this year we have been looking at some improvements of the school building. There are some repairs needed to the outside of the building and some remodeling and decorating inside.

Ideas and plans are discussed in our resources meeting and money can then be set aside for the proposed building work. Quotes are obtained from approved contractors and then we can decide on the work that can be done within the school budget.

Andrew Taylor is our Health and Safety Governor and he has been involved with a number of projects over the years. He has an extensive knowledge of the school building and he and Mrs Ip have met with the contractors to discuss how the work will be carried out. Hopefully there will be some exciting new developments and decoration when we return after the summer holidays.

Helen Wilkinson
Chair of Governors