

Governor Newsletter  
Autumn term 2023

Governing Body 2023-2024

Fiona Ip - Head Teacher  
Helen Wilkinson- Foundation (Chair)  
John Wilson -Co-opted (Vice-Chair)  
Lisa Kay - Staff  
Andrew Taylor - Local Authority  
Edward Huddleston - Co-opted  
Caroline Parkinson – Co-opted  
Rev Jane Lee - Foundation  
Isla Frost – Pennington - Co-opted  
Lucy Ray – Parent  
Vacancy - Parent

This autumn Caroline Parkinson has joined the Governing Board. Caroline lives in the village and works in employment law so brings a skill set that we had identified as lacking through our annual skills audit. Caroline attended her first meeting in October as did Lochlan Batty, joining us at just a few weeks old with his mum Isla.

We still have a vacancy for a parent governor so please speak to any of us if you wish to know more about the role. It is a very good way to be involved in the running of our school.

It is lovely to have Mrs Ip back in school. During her absence we have been supported by our school advisor Heather Waring. She was able to make the arrangements for Anne Philips, head teacher at Wray to provide headship cover for this term. Mary Jackson and I met with Heather on zoom to make plans for if this cover needed to be extended and to get advice on giving support to Mrs. Ip on her return. Heather has been

in to school to meet with Mrs. Ip since her return to work.

I have attended the summer and autumn term Chair's Forum meetings. On zoom these meetings are well attended with around eighty participants for each session. The evening usually includes some break-out rooms so that we can meet other governors and discuss one of the topics in a smaller group and share our different experiences. One of the topics at the autumn forum was school marketing; something that all schools have to do these days. The business manager from a school in Colne gave a presentation on the actions they had been taking such as Facebook, banners and open days. Also making sure all visitors receive a good impression of the school and may then share that with friends and work colleagues – every visitor is a marketing opportunity.

I have also recently completed a Prevent training refresher course. This is a government e-learning course that provides an understanding of radicalization, extremism and terrorism. It is recommended that all governors should do a Prevent training course.

After our lovely Nativity in church and a very successful Christmas in the Mart I am feeling ready for the festive season, so I hope you all have a lovely Christmas holiday and New Year.

Helen Wilkinson  
Chair of Governors

