

Governor News letter
Autumn term 2022

Governing Body 2022-2023

Fiona Ip - Head Teacher
Helen Wilkinson- Foundation (Chair)
John Wilson -Co-opted (Vice-Chair)
Lisa Kay - Teacher
Andrew Taylor - Local Authority
Edward Huddleston - Co-opted
Sally Hughes – Co-opted
Rev Jane Lee - Foundation
Rebecca Mason - Parent
Vacancy - Parent
Lucy Ray – Parent
Zoe Briggs–Dixon – Parent

It has been good to have our meetings in school again after two years of online meetings.

This term there will be elections for two Parent Governors. Howard Moore has stepped down from the Governing Body and Lucy has reached the end of her four year term but has said that she will put her name forward for reelection. Mrs. Kay also completed her four year term of office; she has agreed to stand again as Staff Governor.

Edward Huddleston and I joined parents in school to listen to the presentation by Richard from Tec Hub. This was a very good talk on internet safety

This term I have joined two meetings via zoom. The first was a networking meeting organized by Blackburn Diocese. It was a chance for Chairs of Governors to get together and share ideas and experiences. A number of topics were discussed including recent Ofsted inspections, SIAMS (church school inspection), and the Diocese

skills audit. We complete a skills audit each year to assess the different skills that Governors bring to the Governing Body. We have used an LCC form for this but as part of our continual review of practice we will look at the Diocese one and consider if it would work better for a church school.

The second meeting was the LASGB (Lancashire Association of Governing Bodies) conference. . As a school we have membership that gives us access to their training and information There were three main speakers; Janet Myers, North West regional Lead for the NGA (National Governors Association). Janet talked about preparing for Ofsted. The second speaker was Afrasiab Anwar LCC Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Lead and the final speaker was Andrew Cook, head of OFSTED, he spoke about some of the challenges facing schools since the Covid pandemic and the importance of looking at school data. One aspect of national concern since the pandemic has been attendance at school. We reviewed our school attendance policy in the curriculum meeting and will be focusing on this as part of the school improvement plan. At our Full Governing Body meeting we receive a termly report from Mrs. Ip. This is will include attendance data which is also being shared in the school newsletters. This term we have been reviewing our governor visits to school. We will have a meeting with the subject leads and learn about the new developments in the curriculum.

Helen Wilkinson
Chair of Governors

