

Governors' Newsletter



October 2017

Thank you for taking the time to read the Governing Body's first newsletter of this academic year. We hope that it will give you an introduction to the governors and to our work.

Our work

Our role as governors is to set the strategic direction of the school, to hold the school's leadership to account, and to have financial oversight of the school.

We are finalising our strategic plan for the year, with a longer term plan to follow once a permanent Headteacher is in place. The plan focuses on six key areas: teaching and learning; leadership and management; safeguarding; premises, finances and resources; partnerships and stakeholders; and the culture of the school. Beneath each of these headlines is a series of steps we will take, each of which will help to deliver the school's vision of giving children "Roots to grow, and wings to fly".

We are working with Mrs Hollingsworth and the rest of the senior leadership team at Templewood to ensure that this translates to ensuring all children at Templewood enjoy their learning and succeed as a result.

Alongside this work, our priority is of course to put in place a permanent headteacher at Templewood. We share the frustration that many in the school community have expressed that this is taking longer than we all would have liked; however, we are taking every possible step, with professional advice, to find the right person for the role.

Our team

Our thanks go to a number of governors who have left over the summer, and in particular to Iain Critchley who stepped down as co-chair after four years in the role.

As a result of this, we have some vacancies on the governing body. We are assessing the skills that we have and we need on the governing body, and will be looking for new governors in the next half term.

The role of a governor is a demanding but rewarding one. Whilst we will be looking for some governors with specific skills and experience, two key qualities for a governor are the willingness to act and to learn. If you have (or somebody you know has) these and are interested in becoming a governor, please do let us know and we can tell you more about the role and the process for appointment.

Templewood's Governing Body for 2017/2018

Name	Position on GB	Category of Governor	Term
Mark Thomas	Co-Chair	Co-opted	March 2015 - 2019
Helen Anthony	Co-Chair	Parent	October 2014 – 2018
Maeve Buraglio	Vice-Chair	Co-opted	March 2015 – 2019
Clare Hollingsworth	Headteacher	Headteacher	Whilst interim head
Krista Toal	Deputy Headteacher	Associate Member	February 2015 – 2019
Philip Turley	Chair, Resources Committee	Co-opted	March 2015 – 2019
Nick Kingsley-Johnson	Chair, School Improvement Committee	Parent	March 2017 – 2021
Gary Bryan		Staff	October 2017 – 2021
David Kell		LEA	February 2015 - 2019
Julie Pettigrew		Co-opted	March 2015 - 2019

Contact us

The governors are happy to talk to parents or others in the school community about our work, although any questions or concerns about the day to day running of the school must be directed to the appropriate member of staff.

If you need to get in contact with us, please leave a message at the school office (in person, on the phone, or by e-mail).