



Nelson St Philip's CE Primary School

GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

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Governors' Report to Parents (Autumn Term 2017)

Welcome!

This newsletter gives you information about the role of the school's governing body at St Philip's Primary School during the last academic year. We have a team of committed governors with a range of skills and experience who support staff in ensuring that the school provides the best possible education for all children in its care.



Who we are:

Your Governing Body consists of:

8 Foundation Governors

They are:

Miss M Thacker
Revd. L Hilliard
Mrs W Harvey
Mr H Simpson
Mrs B Shahani
Miss S Spencer
Mrs J Hartley

Chair of Governors
Vice Chair of Governors
Chair of Standards and Curriculum Committee
Chair of Resources Committee

- 1 Parent Governor - Mrs R Khaliq
- 1 Parent Governor - Vacancy

Mr S Grant
Mrs S Swire
Mrs K Ellidge
Mrs K Macdonald

Local Authority Governor
Staff Governor
Headteacher
Observer

- All governors are required to have Police Clearance to work within a school setting.

What the Governors do

One of the most important roles of the Governing Body is to visit the school on a regular basis which gives us first-hand experience of how the school operates. It also helps governors to develop an understanding of where the school is successful but also identifies where it needs to improve further. Each class has at least one governor allocated to it and, during the last academic year, governors made visits to classrooms to observe children taking part in activities. It has also provided an opportunity to discuss with staff where further support, both in terms of both time and money, is needed.

The role of some governors also includes being linked to a member of staff who has responsibility for a specific area. For example, a governor visited the school to monitor the practice regarding areas such as

Special Educational Needs, Child Protection and Health and Safety. A specific curriculum area is often included on the agenda for the Standards and Curriculum Committee. This gives committee members the opportunity to meet the co-ordinator and to gain a greater understanding of each curriculum area.

Governors also have opportunity to walk through the school to look at a specific area. For example, two governors visited the school to monitor the school environment with regard to promoting Christian values.

Governors do not get involved in the day to day operation of the school; that is the responsibility of Mrs Ellidge and her management team. However, governors do have an important role in agreeing school priorities and members also monitor and evaluate the implementation and success of school development plans.

Governing Body Training

A range of training courses are available for governors which are mainly provided by Lancashire local Authority. The following courses were attended by governors in 2016-17:

- Safer Recruitment for Governors
- Chair of Governors' course
- Chair of Governor Forum meetings
- Prevent training
- Strong Governance, Strong Schools

Governing Body Action Plan

The Governing Body Action Plan 2017-18 identifies the following areas for improvement:

- Reallocating governors to new classroom organisation
- Monitoring the impact of Pupil Premium funding
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the school's E-Safety Policy
- Whole school assessment data update
- Monitoring & evaluating the SIAMs action plan
- Monitoring & evaluating progress towards achieving the EAL Quality Mark
- Organising whole Governing Body 'walk- throughs' to monitor general issues

Getting in touch

Should there be anything you would like to talk to a governor about, please feel free to contact us. We are always interested in receiving your comments and feedback. The Chair of Governors is regularly in school and Parent Governors are often in the playgrounds at the beginning and the end of the school day. If you can't see one of us then, you can always get in touch with us via the school office or Mrs Ellidge.

Miss M Thacker
Chair of Governors

