



Outwoods Primary School



Governor Newsletter 2020/21

School Restart

Following the difficult second half of the 2019/20 year, we are delighted to see that the school has been able to receive all age groups back for the new academic term.

There are new arrangements in and around the school that follow best practice guidelines and should provide a safe and reassuring environment for pupils, parents and teachers alike.

We offer a particularly warm welcome to all the new children and families, joining the school for the first time, and we hope that this year will be a happy and successful one for everyone.

Governor Work and Appointments

The Local Governing Body (LGB) has continued to meet during the Coronavirus pandemic, with full sessions taking place virtually. Updated meeting guidelines have been applied to ensure governance standards are maintained in an online environment.

At our first meeting of 2020/21, held on 12th October, James Marshall was re-elected as Chair with Robert Wain re-elected as Vice Chair.

The Link Governors for this year are:

- Prevent: Margaret Collier
- Child Protection/Safeguarding/LAC: Margaret Collier
- SEND: Arandeep Lally
- Pupil and Sports Premium: Samantha Atkin

Funding and Finance

The school and the governors continue to monitor the school's finances. The economic difficulties facing wider society over recent months have also been felt at the school with some difficult decisions having had to be made.

The government catch up funding will offer a degree of respite, and this remains an important focus for the school leadership in the coming months. We acknowledge the difficult work this entails and offer our full support.

School Activities

We were pleased that the school was able to re-start breakfast club earlier than initially planned. The governing board along with the school and CCLT MAT continues to explore the viability of providing further wrap around care.

Local Community

We are aware of the challenges many of our parents face particularly along Harehedge Lane at either end of the school day and continue to monitor the situation. We are working with De Ferrers and also regularly consult with the local county council on the issues.

As parents you can help by either opting to walk or if you must drive being considerate to the local residents and being mindful of others when parking/driving.

Governor Vacancies

We are currently looking for new co-opted community governors to join our Governing Body. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community

These volunteer positions are open to anyone and are appointed directly by the Governing Body.

If you are interested in applying then please leave your contact details with the school office or email James Marshall, your Chair of Governors at james.marshall@outwoods.staffs.sch.uk.

Thank you

A big thank you to all of the leadership, teaching and support staff for their relentless hard work over a challenging 2019/20.