

Governors Newsletter

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Hendal Primary School

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Introduction

Hello and welcome to this newsletter introducing you to the Governors of Hendal Primary School. In this newsletter we want to let you know who the governors are, what they do, how they do it and also how to contact them if you have any observations on the running of our great school.

Who are the Governors?

There are 12 governor posts at Hendal as well as representations from the Local Authority. The governing body consists of 5 governors who are parents of children at the school. In addition Mrs Platts as Headteacher governor and Miss Rooke is staff governor.

In addition to the formally appointed governors the governing body also includes associate governors when relevant: currently Mrs Ashton and Miss Chapman sit on the body as associate governors.

There is a full list of governors below, if you want to put a "name to the face" photographs of all the governors are in the entrance area to the school next to reception.

Mr Terry Carter	Chair of Governors Safeguarding
Mrs Angela Fletcher	Vice Chair Maths Governor
Mr Stephen Reynolds	Special Needs Governor
Mr Bryan Denson	Pupil Premium, Art, Science Governor
Mrs Anna Spiers	Governor – Modern Foreign Languages
Mrs Susan Robinson	Attendance & Literacy Governor
Mrs Emma Hardy	P.E. Governor
Mrs Hazel Douglas	Health & Safety Governor
Mr Richard McDermott	EYFS Governor
Mrs Christine Platts	Headteacher
Mrs Kelly Ashton	Associate Governor
Miss Kerry Chapman	Associate Governor
Miss Charlotte Rooke	Staff Governor



What do we do?

The role of the governing body is quite varied but simply it falls into two main areas; support and challenge. The governing body provides support to the leadership team of the school in helping them continue to provide the best education possible. It does this formally by reviewing and authorising all the school policies, making sure that the finances of the school are sound and efficient, and considering the medium term strategy for the school e.g. supporting the expansion of the school and the new buildings.

The governing body also acts as a critical friend of the leadership team by questioning the practices e.g. how can we get even better standards of education? Are the buildings and grounds safe? Can we do any more to promote any particular topic e.g. drama?

How do we do it?

The governing body meets twice each term. In addition to the full governors meetings we have two main sub committees: one oversees the business and financial agenda e.g. are we meeting our budget expectations this year and for the foreseeable future? The second group meets to discuss the overall performance of the school considering things like overall levels of attainment and progress, attendance and teaching and learning.



How to contact us?

The governors are keen to seek views from staff, children and family members about the school. Any of the governors will be very happy to listen to any of your concerns/observation/ praise for any aspect of the school. If anyone wants to speak to me, as Chair, Mr Terry Carter, then please just leave your contact details with the staff in reception and I will then contact you directly.

Hendal is a great school and I am proud to be Chair of Governors. Working together we can make it even better.