

KEA SCHOOL GOVERNORS

AUTUMN TERM 2018

WHO ARE THE GOVERNORS?

The Governors are a mix of 13 parents and other local people who have a special interest in our school and how it works. Sarah White is chair of the governing body.

We meet every half term for an evening of discussion about what is going on, review policies and consider anything that affects our school.

As well as our main Full Governing Body meetings, we have two committees. These are:

Teaching and Learning (T&L), chaired by Simone Stevens, which looks at the curriculum, Special Educational Needs, data and assessment.

Resources and Safeguarding (R&S), chaired by Matt Jobe, which discusses anything related to school finances and health and safety in school.

To see if we are doing the right thing, there are nationally set questions to help us review what we do. These questions include

- Do we have the right skills on the Governing body?
- How do we review school policies?
- Does our financial management get good value for money?
- How do we collaborate with other schools?

TEACHER FOCUS – MRS DRYZMALA (YEAR 5)

(PICTURE OF MRS
D

At the last T & L meeting, Mrs D explained the introduction of fixed and growth mindsets as a fresh approach to encourage learning.

Academic progress in year 5 has increased and the children's confidence and enthusiasm has grown.

Homework completion has also increased. The T&L committee was shown examples of children's work before and after the approach was introduced and there is really good evidence of academic improvement.

This is being introduced throughout the school. Thank you Mrs D!

Quotes from Y5 pupils

"I love a challenge!"

"Mistakes help me learn"

"I can't do it ...YET!"

Around and About School

Parent governors



Rachel Bateman
R&S Committee
Class Rep for Y5



Simone Stevens
Chair of T&L Committee
Class Rep for Y6



Tracy Baker
T&L Committee
Class Rep for Y3

If there is anything that you would like to discuss, you can have a chat with one of us and we can always find out the answer or send you on to someone who can help!

Governors' Recent Activities:

General

- This newsletter!
- Reviewing policies on First Aid, School Uniform, Sun Protection, Work Experience and Staff Stress Management among others ...
- Survey arranged to collect views of parents. Feedback will be coming soon!

Monitoring

- Walks around school – Maureen, Matt and Sarah have done these.
- Results Data and Attendance discussions with Miss Warren – Simone Stevens

Safeguarding

- Safeguarding issues are on the agenda of every Governors' meeting. Matt Jobe has recently done a Health and Safety tour of the school with Miss Warren, and Mark Baker has produced a safeguarding report for the Governors. Our school is very good at both Health and Safety and Safeguarding!

Finance and Buildings

- Reviewing the budget for the next academic year.

RECENT GOVERNOR VISITS

Flambards Trip

"The children both learnt a lot and had a huge amount of fun! Children behaved excellently. The park was open to the public and safeguarding was a high priority. The school represented itself very well." *Simone Stevens*

Meeting the Autism Champion "Aaron Symonds is highly motivated within this role." "He was confident, knowledgeable and clearly willing to share what he has learnt with other members of staff" Sarah White

This newsletter is a different approach to keep you informed about the Governors' work and we're keen to receive your views and opinions. Is there anything you'd like to know more about? Have you got any ideas you'd like the Governing Body to consider? Then please get in touch! You can contact the Governors by writing or emailing to us at the school. We may first discuss matters with the Head Teacher and the Chair of Governors before issues are considered by the full Governing Body.

Governors are volunteers, typically very dedicated to the school and, able to give a great deal of time in order to fulfil their role. Governors work as a team. We are responsible for making sure that Kea School provides high quality education. First and foremost we maintain confidentiality and fully participate in the work of the Governing Body, for example - serving on committees and working groups, attending meetings, and contributing to discussions. Visiting the school and taking part in school events is an important aspect. We attend training and this is usually provided by the Local Authority.

Governors agree the school aims and policies. We do this together with the Headteacher, who is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school. We interview and select the Headteacher, and with the Headteacher make decisions on the school's budget and staffing.

In order for governors to be more visible to staff, parents and pupils, each governor has been assigned a year group as well as a subject. Below is a list of the governors with their corresponding year groups and linked subjects.

Governor	Linked Subjects / Areas of School Life	Year Group
Sarah White	SEND, Pupil Premium	EYFS
Matt Jobe	ICT	Year 1
Martin Rowe	Maths	Year 1
Simone Stevens	English, Attendance	Year 2
Rachel Bateman	PE, PSHE	Year 3
Martyn Alvey	Arts	Year 4
Maureen Woodhouse	EYFS	Year 4
Marc Baker	RE, Safeguarding	Year 5
Tracy Baker	Science	Year 6