



Spring 2019

GOVERNOR GAZETTE

Dear Moss Lane Families,

GODALMING LEARNING PARTNERSHIP (GLP)

Good News! Moss Lane is now a foundation school in the Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) and the first meetings of the trustees have taken place. At this early stage there will be very little difference to see in the day to day work of the school but, as GLP establishes, we hope that the benefits will become evident. We are very pleased to be part of the Co-operative Schools Trust. An official opening will take place in May.

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Many of you will already be very aware of a national funding crisis in education. Many schools have had to make significant changes to the length of the school week and to significantly cut the hours of staff to balance their budgets.

At Moss Lane the governors have also had to make difficult decisions to save money. Reluctantly, from September, the staffing structure had to change and we reduced the hours of the SENDco to one and a half days a week. In addition, we had to reduce the Deputy Head's non-teaching time to half a day. This has an added knock-on impact for the other members of staff.

The senior staff have also, at governor request, worked hard to reduce the need for supply teachers whenever possible. In addition there has been a reduction in the amount of external training courses staff have been able to attend.

Governors are not at all happy with the situation. In a letter, sent to our MP, Jeremy Hunt, as well as to the Secretary of State for Education, governors have expressed their concerns that the quality of education that we expect for our children at Moss Lane, is now in jeopardy if any further cuts have to be made. The reply we received was a standard one.

SFVS The school fulfils all the requirements of good financial practice and this term, *Aaron Twaits*, our strategic lead for resources, has worked with Mrs Ballard, our School Business Manager, to complete the Schools Financial Value Standard, an annual audit of financial practice.



NEW GOVERNORS We have welcomed James Bingham as a parent governor, Nicola Riley as a Local Authority governor and Laura Edmends as the staff governor. Nicola and James will take the lead on the curriculum. They will monitor to ensure that all the legally required subjects are being provided and that other opportunities, to make the learning experience interesting and enjoyable both during and beyond the school day, support and enrich learning. Laura will be monitoring all the various school systems that support the well-being of the staff and children such as induction systems and transition processes.

OTHER GOVERNOR WORK To help us to monitor how effective the schools systems are in supporting staff in their work we have asked all members of staff to complete a survey about working at Moss Lane. We will analyse the responses to see what governors may be able to do to improve the experience for the staff at Moss Lane.

Governors continue to visit school on a regular basis to see & speak with the staff and children and to see the school in action.

If you wish to **contact a governor** about anything you can **leave a letter** in the school office or email the chair of governors: e.joyce@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk or vice chair a.boshoff@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk or Pam Langridge, Clerk to the Governing Board, clerk@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk

Who we are

- *Elaine Joyce* [Chair, Leads on school leadership]
- *Adam Boshoff* [Vice-chair, Leads on Premises, H&S]
- *Victoria Abbott* [Headteacher, Leads on school/governor liaison]
- *Andrew Turner* [Leads on Children's Progress & Attainment]
- *Aaron Twaits* [Leads on Finance/Resources]
- *Carol Edmans* [Leads on Community & Communication]
- *Steve Turnbull* [Leads on Safeguarding]
- *Nicola Riley* [Leads on Curriculum & Enrichment]
- *James Bingham* [Leads on Curriculum & Enrichment]
- *Laura Edmends* [Leads on Staff & Pupil Wellbeing]

