

Hyde Park Schools Federated Board

September 28, 2018



Chair of Governors Welcome Letter

Dear Parents,

Firstly I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors for the Federated Governing Board of the Hyde Park Schools. My name is Tony Greenfield and I have been a Parent Governor for the last 18 months and have now been elected as Chair. I have two boys, one in the Infants and one in the Juniors and you can spot me in the playground or carrying out my role in both of the schools. My relevant past experience which will benefit the schools include being a leader of a Special Needs School and my current role in financial services. I am a great believer in the role of communication between leaders, parents and staff to help in the smooth running of organisations; as such, I intend to send you a letter each half term to keep you up to date with the work of the governing body and significant progress and activities that have been achieved by the children and staff at both schools. I am pleased to lead a team of skilled Governors who are keen to support and challenge the Schools to provide the highest quality, broad and exciting learning experiences for every child.

Governors support the schools in many ways by monitoring and evaluating the work of the schools and by helping in practical ways in the classroom or on school trips. In my role as Chair I meet regularly with the Head Teachers to support strategic planning and act as a critical friend as well as co-ordinating the work of the other governors.

As Governors we met on 17th September and looked at progress made in each year group and in the Y2 Teacher Assessments and Y6 SATs for 2018. We also took on Governor responsibilities for Standards, Finance, Health and Safety as well as Safeguarding to name but a few. Governors examined in more detail the preparations being made for moving to the Horizon Multi-Academy Trust and I will be creating a separate letter to give you a timeline and updates on this important step for the schools. The schools' websites are being updated with this information and that of all the governors, so that you can see who we are and how we can bring value to the schools.

Please feel free to stop and talk for an informal chat in the playground and I'm sure I have met many of you already in that capacity. If you have a more formal matter that you wish to discuss, I can be contacted via the Clerk to Governors.

Thank you for reading my first letter and I look forward to carrying out my responsibilities as Chair. In all my work I will be embracing the Schools' vision which I have highlighted below:

We are inclusive, confident and enterprising learners who are brave, curious, optimistic and kind. We are ready to embrace the future.

Kind Regards,

Tony Greenfield
Chair of Governors

