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Duxford CofE Community Primary School Governor Newsletter

Aim High Fly High!

Dear Parents and Carers

In this term's newsletter, we give you a snapshot of what the governors have been working on and welcome our new head teacher Mrs Suzanne Blackburne-Maze.

The summer holidays are just around the corner so I would like to thank very much all the staff at Duxford for all their incredibly hard work this year; the parents and carers for all their support and last, but not least, our wonderful children, without whom we couldn't "Aim high... Fly high!"



“I don’t know who the governors are...”

The governors provide strategic leadership and accountability.

Governors appoint and appraise the head teacher and support the head teacher in the employment of other school staff. We are responsible for finance in school, and we work with the headteacher to make the tough decisions about balancing resources at our “Resources Committee”. We also strategically review educational standards to ensure that school is delivering your child with an excellent education at our “Standards Committee”.

Meet the Governors

Committee Chairs:



*Gordon Lister
Co-Chair of Governors
(Foundation)*



*Nicola Insley
Co-Chair of Governors
Chair of Standards
Committee
(Parent)*



*Frances Payne
Vice Chair of Governors
Chair of Resources
Committee
(Foundation)*

Our team:



*John Williams
(Co-opted)*



*Gill Hinks
(Co-opted)*



*Jane Downey
Local Authority*



*Geraldine Poore
(Co-opted)*



*Steve Blatcher
(Parent)*



*Vicky Rigby
(Staff)*



*Neil Lloyd
(Staff)*



*Suzanne Blackburne-Maze
(Headteacher)*



Governing Board Priorities

Each year the Governing Body works with the headteacher to produce a school development plan. The whole school works towards achieving these priorities and we closely monitor progress. We are pleased to report that significant progress has been made this year. Here are some highlights:

1. To monitor and evaluate learning so that teaching is consistently great - *Lesson studies have been carried out and drop-ins. Additional training and support provided where required.*
2. To maintain and extend our rich, broad curriculum. - *Use of "sports premium" money to build the daily mile track*
3. To continue to increase progress and raise attainment particularly in core subjects across the school - *"Maths mastery programme" rolled out across whole school with superb results.*
4. To differentiate learning to challenge and support all groups of children - *New methods used by the governing board to monitor support given to children with special educational needs.*
5. To plan and develop the future structure and organisation of the school - *Appointed new headteacher, interim assistant headteachers and a new permanent deputy appointment process commencing soon.*

Shortly the governors will be working with the school leadership team to develop our strategic priorities for next year.

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter. Governors are involved in all kinds of school activities and can be identified by our "Governor" badges. Please do come over and say "Hello" or contact us through the school office.

