



AUTUMN TERM 2020

GOVERNOR NEWS

Reaching out to parents and carers of our wonderful pupils from the Governing Body to give you an insight to what we've been doing and where we have been challenging our already Outstanding school

Welcome



I can't quite believe we are almost at our first Half Term of this academic year – where does the time go?

Clearly the start of this academic year has been slightly different for all of us and I have to commend all your children and our wonderful staff who have embraced this strange start and have all settled in beautifully.

For those of you that are new to the school, a huge "Welcome". What a great decision you

have made to send your children to be taught and cared for by our wonderful staff.

I would have usually stood up and braved all the new faces at the Welcome meeting and given you all an insight into the governing body and what we are doing in school and how you can reach us. As this is such a different year, I thought I'd give you a bit of an insight this way instead.

My two little darlings (I use that lightly as they aren't always darlings) went to HCIS. I now have one at secondary school, Sir Henry Floyd, and the other over at the Junior School. I've hung back clinging onto links with the school as I genuinely love it that much!

Obviously our role as governors has been slightly different over the past 8 months with meetings being held remotely over video call and supporting the school in a way none of us could have ever imagined having to do when we signed up to this. It has literally been the single biggest learning curve for me and I know that has been the case for many of us at this challenging time.

What have we been doing? We're just getting started for the year really. There are meetings underway already. You get to see the meeting dates on the weekly roundups and published on the website but there are extras you often don't see us doing – that's the idea though so don't think we're hiding anything from you, we're just supporting the school in the best way we can, quietly and without interference.

Who are we? If you check out the website, there is a section all about us and you can even see our mug shots so you know who we are. Some of us are parents who currently have children in the school, some have had children in the school and others are community members. It is a diverse mix which is what makes us so strong as a governing body. Please do reach out to us if you have any questions or just want to give us positive feedback about the school – we know how great it is but always good to hear it from those who are using it every day.

Staff

I want to personally welcome back our existing staff. The team is looking stronger than ever and in the face of challenge have thrived and are providing such a safe and welcoming environment to the children. We are so proud

of our staff and the family they have become. When at times they could have been pushed to their limits, they all mucked in and supported Mrs McNeil and the school in the best possible way.

Fancy taking on a role?



I said in my first letter as Chair of Governors, the Governing Body is forever changing and evolving as the schools needs change and evolve with it. We have an absolutely wonderful team of Governors but we are always on the look out for anyone who is interested in becoming a Governor. We are about to enter into a new election for Chair, Vice Chair and Chairs of the individual committees and we have some Governors that are due to hang up their boots after many years of support. If you think you have a specific skill set that would grow out Governing Body or you think it sounds like something that would ignite a fire inside you to support the school in this unique way, please do get in touch via the school office who can pass on your details and initially we could have an informal chat and see if it's something that you would like to pursue.

There are specific roles that have to be filled for a Governing Body to run so please do get in touch if it is of interest or if you know someone outside of the school in the Community or beyond that may be interested in joining us.

Eleanor King

Chair of Governors