



Governor Newsletter

February 2024

Message from the Chair

As we approach the midway point of the academic year, I am pleased to share our first Governor Newsletter. With the intention of making the role and work of the governors more visible to parents, pupils and staff, we look forward to sharing with you what the governors have focused on and plans for moving forward.

After an extremely successful September start led by Mrs Woodman, we were very pleased to welcome Mr Sweeney to the school. The Governing Board are extremely grateful to Mr Sweeney and the whole school staff for their hard work in making sure that Stretham becomes the very best school that it can be.

In October we said farewell to Alice Travis (LA Governor) who served as a governor of the school since 2008. We thank Alice for her many years of involvement in the school.

What have we been doing?

Governors have reviewed and ratified the school's policies to ensure that they are up to date and compliant, reviewed the School Development Plan and agreed a monitoring schedule to ensure this is successful, taken part in a LA Leadership and Governance Review, and developed a Governor Strategy and Action Plan for the Governing Board to ensure that vision and focus are maintained.

Governor focus visits to the school have included Safeguarding, Leadership and Management, Classroom/Curriculum visits, Forest School, SEND, and ICT/website. Visits to the school allow opportunities to talk to children about the school, how they are getting on, and how they feel things are going.

Governor training has included Safeguarding, Health and Safety, School Funding, Budgeting and Financial Monitoring, Governance Induction, Pupil Success and Wellbeing (EYFS), Effective Financial Governance, Managing Staff Wellbeing and Workload, Staff Governor Induction, Prevent Awareness, and Complaints.

What is the role of a governor?

The governing body has a strong focus on three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and direction
- Holding the Head to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of the staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

Governors attend meetings throughout the academic year, make regular visits to the school and attend training courses. All governors maintain a current and working knowledge of safeguarding and health and safety. The governors are not responsible for the day to day running of the school; this is the responsibility of the Head.



Meet the Governors

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Trudie Davidson
Clerk



Angela Dix
Co-opted Governor



Dan Everest
Parent Governor



Simon Garth-Greeves
Co-opted Governor



Hannah Parkinson
Co-opted Governor



Jon Partridge
Vice Chair



J Rist
Chair



Helen Spencer
Staff Governor



Matt Sweeney
Headteacher



Sally Woodman
Deputy Head

The governing board currently has 3 vacancies - 2 co-opted and one LA governor. If you or someone you know is interested in supporting the school as a member of the governing board, please contact the school office, office@stretham.cambs.sch.uk

For more information, or to share thoughts you would like us to consider, please contact the Chair or Vice Chair

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