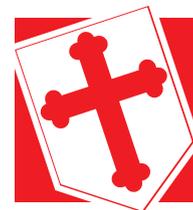


GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN TERM 2020

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to say how pleased we all are to see everyone back in school and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families joining the school this term. The Governing Body were keen to support the school in increasing the Published Admission Number (PAN) to 20, enabling the school to welcome 30 new pupils across the school at the start of this academic year.

During lockdown the Governing Body moved quickly to working virtually to enable us to support the school and we continue to hold all of our meetings virtually to continue to carry out our statutory duties, monitor standards and oversee financial performance, whilst minimising face to face contact.

Over the past few months we have had some changes to the Governing Body, both Tim Thornley and Duncan Higham stepped down as Parent Governors and Justin Innes was re-elected as a Co-opted Governor. This created three Parent Governor spaces that we are pleased to announce have been filled by Dan Oldroyd, Nina Robinson and Jemma Parker. Mr Male has also taken on the role of representing the staff as the Staff Governor. We are very pleased to welcome them to the Governing Body and look forward to working with them.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for all of your efforts to support the school pick up / drop off arrangements, and for helping the school to provide the children with as normal a school life as possible. This has been important in ensuring there has been a smooth and successful return back to school.

Jenny Carkeet, Chair of Governors

Committee News

Pay/Personnel Committee

Chris Taylor – Committee Chair

Jane Paul - Clerk & Local Authority Governor

Karen Robins - Co-opted Governor

Gregg Mensingh - Foundation Governor

Justin Innes - Co-opted Governor

The Personnel & Pay Review Committee have recently been reviewing staffing levels and exploring how items on the School Improvement Plan are being addressed, such as; staff welfare and safeguarding. The School has recently purchased a new Child Protection Online Management System (CPOMS), which will improve the confidential means of recording and tracking safeguarding concerns. Committee governors have also been reviewing the Equality Policy which is now updated and available on the school website. Over the next few months, this committee will be reviewing staff performance monitoring and training needs as well as auditing staff inductions and checking for compliance with the school recruitment policy.

Curriculum Committee

Jenny Carkeet – Committee Chair

Tanya Metcalf – *Clerk & Foundation Governor*

Jo Birbeck – *Co-opted Governor*

Mr P Male – *Staff Governor*

Jemma Parker – *Parent Governor*

Nina Robinson – *Parent Governor*

We have been pleased to welcome Nina Robinson and Jemma Parker to the Curriculum this term. The Committee remains focused on:

- Monitoring curriculum provision and standards of attainment.
- Scrutinising pupil progress
- Monitoring quality of impact of interventions to support pupils
- Monitoring the impact of Pupil Premium (PP) and Sports Funding.

With these main aims in mind the committee will work with the school to monitor the impact of lockdown on pupil progress and mental health and wellbeing. We will regularly review the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and raise questions about priorities of teaching and learning. The committee will offer supportive challenge on aspects of pupil progress, attendance, curriculum structure, outcomes and how the school is working towards closing the gaps for our vulnerable pupils.

Finance/Premises Committee

Jane Paul – Committee Chair

Nick Apps – *Clerk & Parent Governor*

Chirs Taylor – *Parent Governor*

Jenny Carkeet – *Foundation Governor*

Dan Oldroyd – *Parent Governor*

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank you for the tremendous financial support that you give the school whether it be raising money for charity, or supporting the D.S.A. to raise funds to enhance the resources for the pupils.

As you can imagine financial planning has been very challenging, but our aim is to look at ways of overcoming the current difficulties so that the education the school is providing continues to be unaffected. The school needs to update and extend its I.T. provision and this is currently in progress.

We are also responsible for Health and Safety, and this is obviously the most important aspect of our role. The committee are able to monitor the physical aspects of this work by visiting the school after hours; we will also continue to monitor relevant policies.

The Premises, particularly the playground area is our current focus, and work has started to look at how best to upgrade the equipment and improve the grounds.

Finally, we need to focus on how we can generate income through grants for example. If any of you have any experience or ideas of those we could access please let the school know.

To contact the Governing Body, please liaise with the School Office. Alternatively at all school events, Governors will be identifiable by their Durley School Lanyard.

Governor Profiles



Dan Oldroyd

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I have recently become a parent governor at the school and will be on the premises and finance committee. I have two children, Ethan who is in year 1 in yellow class and Jack who will be joining the school in September 2021. I wanted to become a governor to give something back to Durley School, which is giving Ethan such an enjoyable learning experience.

I am a Partner at a large national law firm who specialise in acting for insurance companies and governing bodies for catastrophic and severe injury claims. In my job I regularly deal with figures and budgeting spend on legal matters. In my placement on the finance and premises committee, I will be able to use my strengths in dealing with figures, planning and organisation. I also have extensive knowledge of health and safety issues. I want to ensure that Durley School remains the safe and secure environment that it is, something that in the current climate, presents new and unforeseen challenges.



Jemma Parker

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Hello everyone! I am Jemma Parker, one of your three new Parent Governors.

My son, Sebastian, is in year 2 in Yellow class.

My background is that I am a Solicitor-Advocate, currently practising part-time in Southampton/Portsmouth/Basingstoke areas in criminal defence. Most of my working days are spent in the Magistrates' Court or Police Stations, with the occasional foray into the Crown Court when I don my wig and gown!

I am delighted to be appointed to the Curriculum committee and look forward to learning more about the school and the Governing Body, and to work as part of the hugely dedicated committee ensuring effective governance of Durley Primary School.

Thank you for all your support and I look forward to meeting more of you over the next four years of my term.



Nina Robinson

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My name is Nina Robinson and I have recently been appointed as a Parent Governor for the school.

My professional background is in social care and housing, where I have worked for over 15 years. I am very passionate about the work I do which, although varied, centres around accessing vital support for vulnerable adults and families, working with them to prevent them becoming homeless.

My husband James and I have lived in Durley for 10 years, and our two children attend Durley School. Our eldest, Amelia, is in Year 4, whilst, Edward, is in Year 2.

When Ameila joined the school, I also joined the DSA, and have loved my time on this committee. It has given me the opportunity to work alongside some wonderful, dedicated parents and staff, all of whom share a desire to support the school and raise funds to benefit our children.

I am now looking forward to working alongside an equally dedicated group of people, supporting the school, staff and children in a new role as a school governor focussing on Curriculum matters.