



Chair of Governors  
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## *“Living Loving and Learning with God”*

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### **News from the Local Governing Board**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. We would like to extend a special welcome to all the new parents and carers who have joined us this academic year with children in reception, nursery and throughout the school. We hope your children have settled in well and are enjoying their learning.

The governors celebrate the excellent SATs results of last year's Year 6 and will be working to ensure that your child is able to fully grow their talents within a secure and caring school community.

### **Priorities for this year**

Governor priorities for this year include:

- Ensuring children in Early Years Foundation Stage are able to make the best progress from Nursery to Reception
- Ensuring all children, including SEND children, are able to achieve their best in Reading, Writing and Mathematics
- Reviewing our Vision to ensure it supports the school and pupils in everything they do
- Ensuring our safeguarding procedures and actions are the best they can be
- Maximising income at a time when school finances are very stretched

The governing board as a whole will be monitoring school developments designed to ensure these priorities are achieved. In addition, each of the governors has an area that they will be taking a special interest in:



Fiona Drury will be leading on Safeguarding to ensure our policies and procedures are effective in keeping your children safe.



Nicola De Havilland will be checking that those children with SEND receive the support they need, in order to achieve their best. She is also Vice Chair.



Helen Winning is leading on maximising income and will be monitoring our finances and admissions.



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Rev Annette Hawkins is the local Rector as well as being a school governor. She will be leading on our review of the impact of the school's Christian vision on pupils and adults within the school.



Stephanie Thornton is our link governor for Staff Wellbeing and Marketing. If staff are well, they can give their best to the children, and marketing is important as part of our focus on maximising income.



Allison Flack is automatically a governor as part of her role as Headteacher. Her day-to-day knowledge keeps us informed about how well developments are progressing and the impact they are having.



As Chair, I will be ensuring that we listen to all stakeholders and make the necessary school visits in order to monitor school progress effectively. We will review progress at our termly meetings.

### How can you help?

We need your opinion on how well the school is helping your child to fulfil their potential:

- Governors will be attending **parent's evenings** in the Autumn and Spring terms. We will have specific questions for you but also feel free to tell us anything else you would like us to know.
- In the **summer term** the school sends out a questionnaire. Please take the time to complete this.
- [Ofsted Parent View](#) is a questionnaire designed by Ofsted to find out what parents think of their child's school. It would be really helpful if you could complete this **NOW** to help us know what you think. (You will need to register the first time you do this, but subsequently it will be a very quick process. It would be really helpful if you could do this once every academic year)

We hope your children have an enjoyable and productive year.

Yours faithfully,

Elaine Lambert,

Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Local Governing Board.

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