



Hillesley Primary School Governors' Impact Newsletter



Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back to school and to our new governors' newsletter.

As governors one of our aims is to inform our parents and carers of the work we do to support and challenge the school, i.e. **our impact**.

The Governing Body can appear remote from the everyday life of a school and for many parents the role it plays is not always clear. This newsletter aims to provide you with an insight of who we are and what we do.

In this first edition we will introduce you to the members of the Governing Body and share with you a summary of our responsibilities. Future newsletters will demonstrate our impact on different areas of school life.

It is our intention to produce the newsletter termly, regularly sharing with you the areas we have been addressing and the impact of our work.

Finally I would like to express our delight at our recent Ofsted inspection, confirming that we remain a good school – something that as a community we can all be very proud of.

Fiona Symes, Chair of Governors



What is the role of the Governing Body?

School governors form a vital role, providing strategic leadership and accountability in schools. Together the governors form the Governing Body, which has the following key functions:

- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent;
- Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

School governors are essential to the organisation and effectiveness of the school.

We are volunteers and have a range of expertise to contribute from many walks of life. We represent the Local Authority, the community, the church, parents and staff.

The whole Governing Body meets six times a year to support and challenge all aspects of the school. In addition, governors serve on committees which look more closely at educational standards and the effective use of resources.

Meet the Governors

We, the governors, are all signed up to the school's vision and values. The work of the governors reflects these in that we seek to provide a welcoming and nurturing environment for learning where our children are provided with a solid foundation for growth and empowerment.

So, who are we?

Fiona Symes

Foundation Governor, Chair of Governors

Jayne Pedley

Head Teacher

Eddie Cranwell

Foundation Governor, Vice Chair

Tania King

Staff Governor

Margaret Plummer

Local Authority Governor

Reverend David Russell

Foundation Governor

Melanie Gibbs

Foundation Governor

Dawn O'Dwyer-Graham

Parent Governor

Judit Wooller

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Further information about the Governing Body is available on the school website at <http://www.hillesleyprimary.com/governors/>.

Our Parent Governors

A parent governor is a representative of parents. We have 2 parent governors who have introduced themselves below. They represent your views as a parent, whilst continuing to maintain a strategic approach to school governance. Please feel free to approach either Dawn or Judit at any time or email clerk@hillesley.gloucs.sch.uk to get in touch.

Judit Wooller

I'm Judit, Mum to Alice (and little brother Xander) and new to Governorship. We have been living in W-U-E for 9 years and we love the outdoors and going on day trips at weekends. I became a Governor to support this lovely school, learn more about primary education and promote STEM, sustainable living and supporting our children with future skills they will need to succeed in the digital era - topics I feel passionate about.

Dawn O'Dwyer-Graham

I'm Dawn and I'm Mum to Tasha and Jacob. I have lived in Tresham for nearly 12 years and love the area. I enjoy walking, cycling and campervanning in our VW bus. I work at Bristol Children's Hospital as a Paediatric Audiological Scientist. I became a Governor to support our wonderful, unique school and have learned a lot about primary education in the two years that I have been a parent Governor.

Developing the Governing Body

At present we have 3 foundation governor vacancies on the Governing Body. It is important that these roles are filled as soon as possible to ensure that our Governing Body remains as effective as possible with a wide range of skills. If you are interested in taking on this rewarding role then please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of the team for an informal chat to find out more.