

The Governing Body

What do Governors do?

We are responsible for ensuring that the school is run well and that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential. We provide strategic management and ensure accountability.

Whole Governing Body

The Whole Governing Body meets twice a term to oversee the work of the Governing Body and ratifies key decisions and policies.

Curriculum and Standards Committee

This committee meets twice termly to deal with matters relating to learning. It has a focus on monitoring attainment and progress to ensure standards are being raised.

Buildings and Finance Committee

This committee meets at least termly to oversee details of the budget as well as the buildings and grounds. Its focus is to ensure that the schools spend is within its budget and that the buildings are maintained as fit for purpose.

Personnel Committee

This committee meets termly to ensure that the staffing is sufficient to fulfil the School Improvement Plan and to assist with the appointment of new staff.

The Governing Body

Sarah Vittle
Head Teacher

Emma Thomas
Co-opted Governor
Chair of Governors

Clare Welham
Ex Officio
Vice Chair

Ken Ingle
Foundation Governor

Norma Day
Foundation Governor

Liz Wheeler
Community Governor

Duncan Sergeant
LEA Governor

Georgie Nicoll
Parent Governor

Andy Penhaligon
Parent Governor

Sarah Densham
Parent Governor

Charles Louisson
Co-opted Governor

Maria Burr
Clerk to the Governors



Governors' Newsletter

Summer 2019



Governors' Message

It's the end of another busy school year at Ropley and the Summer Term has been packed with more Year of Arts activities, school trips and visitors to the school, Sports Day, Area Sports and other sporting activities, not to mention the SATs, class assemblies, Founders Day and the Year 6 performance, the Open Afternoon and plenty of swimming!

At this time of year we say goodbye to another group of year 6 children as they prepare to move on to their different secondary schools; we wish you all the best of luck in the next step of your education. Keep in touch and let us know what you get up to!

We would like to thank Mrs Farrell, Mr Noyce, Mrs Burrows, Miss Marshall, Mr Lowndes, and Mrs Fairey for all the hard work that they have put into the school during their time with us, and we wish them all good luck as they start new adventures elsewhere.

As Governors, we want to say a huge thank you to Miss Vittle and all the teachers, LSAs and other staff for their hard work this year. We also want to thank the parents for their support and, last but not least, the children for making Ropley such a brilliant school.

Happy holidays and see you in September!

Headlines from Governor Meetings

During our governor meetings in 2019 we have :

Agreed a balanced school budget following a necessary restructure of staffing

Contributed to the school self-evaluation prior to SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools)

Agreed how governors will monitor the schools progress against its Improvement Plan

Reviewed attendance data for the school

Reviewed academic progress in key areas

Reviewed a number of key policies, including child protection and safeguarding

Discussed and agreed the staffing structure and deployment of staff.

Reviewed the attainment & progress of children against national standards

Discussed and agreed changes to the uniform

Agreed to restructure and streamline governor committees from Autumn 2019

Agreed to the school taking on the running and management of the breakfast and after school clubs from AYA.

Governor Monitoring

Governors have visited the school to:

Check safeguarding procedures and record keeping

Assist with the appointment of new members of staff

Meet regularly with the Head Teacher to keep up to date with a range of issues

Undertake a learning walk with a focus on collective worship

Meet and discuss the SIAMS with the inspector

Carry out the annual Health and Safety Audit

Carry out appraisal reviews with the Head Teacher

Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in joining our Governing Body? We now have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor. If you have the time and skills to help support our school on its improvement journey, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Maria Burr for further information, or see the Hampshire Governor website:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer>