

Welcome to this Governing Body newsletter, the purpose of which is to keep parents informed regarding the activities of the school’s Board of Governors.

Who are the Governors?

Parent

Stuart Booth (P)
Katherine Carter (P)
Rajdip Marok-Dhanju (P)

Foundation

Gisela Brownscombe
Steve Foster (P)
1 vacancy

Local Authority

Emma Barnard (P)

Co-opted

Paul Stowe (Chair)
Mel Shirvill (Vice-Chair)
Karen Callard
Ian Johnson
Kevin Patterson (P)
Michelle Young (P)

Staff

Anna Kennedy - Headteacher
Paula Jenkins – Headteacher
Rachel Moverley

Associate

Cathy Shephard

Clerk

Claire Pollard

(P) – means a current parent of a child at Warfield School.

One School – Multiple Journeys

On Wednesday 14th June, I had the honour of speaking as part of the Official Opening Ceremony for the Woodhurst Site. This was a very special day in which we brought the whole of Warfield School together in the one place and we were joined by Bishop Andrew of Reading, Cllr Tina Mackenzie-Boyle (the Mayor of Bracknell), Cllr Gareth Barnard, and a number of invited guests who had been part of the establishment, design and build of Warfield Woodhurst.



In part of my speech I spoke to the children about the different journeys which could start from Warfield School for each of them:

"We all started off small! Even me! And as we grew up, the things we have learned sent us on different journeys. So, there could be a child sat in this hall now who grows up to become a Mayor, another one who becomes a Vicar or even a Bishop. Maybe somebody in this Hall will win an Olympic Gold medal, or write a best-selling book, or invent something which is used all over the world. Maybe one of you will design a school, or build a school or be a Headteacher at a school – and then you might stand in front of another hall full of children and set a whole new range of children off on their journeys.

And the wonder is that we simply don't know. I cannot predict what will happen to any of the children sat here in this hall now. But I hope that it is amazing and exciting. And I hope that Warfield School will be a place you always look back on with happy memories."

As Governors it can be easy to get lost in policies, budgets, meetings and paperwork. But actually, one of the strengths of our Governing Body is that we try and keep a regular presence in school to talk to our staff and our children – to help ensure we make the best decisions for every person connected to Warfield School and to help every individual on that educational journey.

Paul Stowe, Chair of Governors

Contacting the School and the Governors:

Chair of Governors – Paul Stowe – chairof.governors@office.warfield.bracknell-forest.sch.uk

Clerk to the Governors – Claire Pollard – clerk@office.warfield.bracknell-forest.sch.uk

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Contacting Governors

This newsletter is a different approach to keep you informed about the Governors' work and we're keen to receive your views and opinions. Is there anything you'd like to know more about? Have you got any ideas you'd like the Governing Body to consider? Then please get in touch!

You can contact the Governors by writing or emailing us at the school. We may first discuss matters with the Head Teacher and the Chair of Governors before issues are considered by the full Governing Body.

Please consider:

Parent Governors serve on the Governing Body as representative parents and not as the parents' delegate.

Therefore, while we want to be aware of the views and ideas of parents in general, parent governors are not expected to seek parents' approvals for their actions.

If you want to discuss your child's education, then your first point of contact is with your child's class teacher. You may also choose to contact the Head Teacher(s) initially about other matters.

Governors' Recent Activities:

General

- This newsletter!
- Surveys arranged to collect views of parents, pupils, staff and Governors – feedback will be coming soon!
- Discussions with North Bracknell schools and discussion held about Draft Protocol for working together
- Held Site Organisation Meeting to allocate September 2017 Reception pupils across the two sites.

Monitoring

- Monitoring afternoon scheduled for 28th June and to include sessions with Pupils
- Subject monitoring reports to be discussed at Children and Learning Committee on 12th July.

Safeguarding

- Reviewed recent Health and Safety incidents at the school
- Safeguarding issues are on the agenda of every Governors' meeting

Finance and Buildings

- Budget for 2017/18 – approved by Governors
- Quotes investigated and decision made to lead to the installation of adventure playgrounds
- Worked alongside Heads on implementation of Woodhurst car park permits.
- Reviewed Lettings Policy and Nursery and WASPS charges.

How do we work?

As well as our main Full Governing Body meetings, we have two committees. These are:

Children & Learning – Chaired by Kevin Patterson – meets regularly to look at three key elements: Curriculum Planning & Delivery, Assessment & Improvement, Engagement of Stakeholders.

Resources – Chaired by Katherine Carter - meets once per half term to discuss anything related to school finances and health and safety in school. In addition, a subgroup of this committee meet with the Heads and the School Business Manager monthly to review the school budget, monitor expenditure and look for ways to make cost savings.

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