



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.

The Strategic View

One of the key roles for the Board of Governors is to provide the strategic vision and oversight for the school – hardly an easy job when the world of education changes so fast around us!

Three key agendas seem to never be too far away at present:

1 – Quality of Provision – as Governors, we continue to monitor the quality of provision and look at the progress being made by pupils. This is made trickier by the changes in curriculum and the removal of the old levels system, but the school has good assessment processes in place and our Children and Learning Committee looks at fresh data every term to monitor progress.

2 – Funding – making the best use of the school’s budget is always one of the big issues for Governors and all schools in the country are looking at the new funding formula for schools and trying to work out what it means for them. In addition, we are a growing school which provides both opportunities and challenges.

3 – Academies – although the Government proposal to make all schools academies was subsequently removed, there have been a lot of changes and proposed changes for Bracknell schools. It is a complicated picture and making the right decisions at this time is crucial for both our current pupils and those to come in future years. Warfield Governors are working hard at the moment to look at the options available and to make sure that we preserve the many positive things about our school while also considering the different benefits that could come from working with other schools in a more formalised way. If we reach a stage where there are decisions to be made, then there will be parent consultation and much more information to be shared. At the moment, we join many other schools in trying to predict how things will look in the future and how best to go forward.

These issues and many others affect Warfield School and all schools. As Governors we will continue to make sure we understand them and make the best decisions we can for our whole school community.

Paul Stowe, Chair of Governors

Contacting the School and the Governors:

Chair of Governors – Paul Stowe – chairof.governors@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

Communications

- This newsletter!
- Surveys arranged to collect views of parents, pupils, staff and Governors
- Supported School Leadership Team (SLT) in a review of communication strategy within the school

Monitoring

- Scrutiny of RAISE Online data and Autumn Term progress data
- Learning walk – Governors visited every class on both sites to look at equality of opportunity and the way in which the school's learning habits were embedded
- Produced Pupil Premium Report
- Termly walkabouts and pupil voice sessions
- Evaluation of collective worship and class worship
- Monitoring of attendance data and termly meetings between Attendance Governor, school attendance Officer and the Education Welfare Officer

Safeguarding

- Approved SLT review of Child Protection Policy
- Safeguarding issues are on the agenda of every Governors' meeting

Finance and Buildings

- New Risk Assessments developed
- Health and Safety policy developed
- Continual budget monitoring
- Quotes investigated for school minibus and decision made

And finally

While the Woodhurst site has been open for teaching since September, there has not been an official opening event yet. This is currently being arranged and is likely to be in May or June. This will be an event for the whole school and we are hoping to have a very special guest to come and officially open the site. We will have all the exciting news on this event soon

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