



Welcome to the first edition of the Hayfield Cross Church of England School Governors' Newsletter.

Each term we will aim to report on what we have been up to, the impact for the school, and what our plans are for the future. Since becoming Chair of Governors in September 2015, it has been an absolute pleasure to observe the fantastic progress of the pupils and the wonderful atmosphere created within the school by our fantastic hardworking staff.

Thank you to all the staff for their commitment, ready smiles and their ability to adapt and succeed. Hayfield Cross is lucky to have well-behaved, curious and creative pupils who embrace learning and the governors are striving to ensure that they have the best educational experience possible. I would also like to thank the parents who have shown outstanding support for the school and the events organised by the proactive TOPs.

Finally, a huge thank you to the governors who give up their spare time with such enthusiasm and good spirit!

There is one very big thank which is for Suzanne Daly who has been a parent governor since January 2016 and has decided not to re stand in the elections. Suzanne has been a very active governor attending and contributing to discussions in meetings and attending training. Her thoughts, ideas and voice will be missed by everyone. Thank you



Helen Cracknell (Chair of Governors)

THE GOVERNOR ROLE

As school governors we are responsible for the vision and strategic direction of Hayfield Cross Church of England School. We hold Mr Charteris to account for how well pupils achieve and progress educationally, and for the quality of teaching within the school. We also oversee how the school spends its money, making sure the school stays in budget and receives value for money. We ensure the building and school's grounds are safe places and ensure the school meets all safeguarding requirements.

Our full Governing Board (FGB) meets once a term (three times a year) and all governors attend this. An attendance register is kept for each meeting and published on the school website. Each governor also is a member of one of our two main committees.

Quality and Standards meets once a term (three times a year) The responsibilities for this committee includes the curriculum, reviewing assessment data, quality of teaching and children with specific needs.

Resources meets once a term (three times a year) – responsibilities include finance, personnel, premises and health and safety.

In addition to these two committees we have an Admission Committee and a Church school Inspection working group. We also have occasional one-off meetings for training or to discuss particular issues.

Hayfield Cross Church of England Governing Board

There are twelve governors on the Governing Board and some are appointed by the diocese, in consultation with local churches, and others are elected.

1 Headteacher – Mr C Charteris

1 Local Authority – Cllr R Roberts

1 Staff Governor – Miss S Priestly (elected by all the staff)

7 Foundation governors (nominated and appointed by the diocese) Mrs C Bell, Mr A Bilney, Mrs H Cracknell, Rev E Jeans, Mrs L Weatherly, Mrs R Walker and 1 vacancy (awaiting confirmation from the diocese)

2 parent governors – to be elected shortly

As you can see we have three vacancies on the Governing Board at the present time.

As well as committees we all have specific areas we are responsible for:

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| Claire Bell | Curriculum, English and Chair of Quality and Standards |
| Andrew Bilney | Early Years |
| Helen Cracknell | Safer Recruitment, Finance Governor and Chair of Full Governing Board |
| Rev Eleanor Jeans | Safeguarding Governor and Spiritual, Moral Social and Cultural |
| Cllr Russell Roberts | Health and Safety and Chair of Resources |
| Ruth Walker | Equalities and Inclusion governor |
| Leanne Weatherly | Health and Safety and Safer Recruitment |
| Parent governor x2 | Elections to be held |
| Foundation Governor | To be finalised by Diocese |

Recent Discussions

Temporary Measures and cost

Road situation and parking

Academy status

Standards throughout the school.

School's assessment results compared to the national.

Future Discussions

Academy status.

Staffing structure for 2017/18.

Budget for 2017/18.

Temporary Measures.

Road situation and parking

At every meeting of the FGB we discuss Safeguarding and if there have been any Health and Safety issues.

At least one of our governors aims to be at all school parent events so we can listen to your thoughts and views. Pictures of us are on the school website so that you can recognise us.

<http://www.hayfieldcross.org.uk/index.php/information/governors>.



I am generally around on a Tuesday morning volunteering in year 2, so do come and speak to me either on the playground or make an appointment through the office.

If you do wish to contact the Governors to raise any issue, then please contact us by letter via the school office these will be passed onto me. Hopefully in the future we will be able to set up a school email for the chair of governors.