



The Brook School Governor Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Issue 1 - Summer 2014

Welcome to this very first newsletter from The Brook School Governing Body which will hopefully make our roles clearer to both new and previous parents at the school.

One of the key issues discussed at our meetings is communications with parents - which has led to this first newsletter giving information on who is who and what the role of a governor entails. At the end of this newsletter you will find a feedback box, and we would be really pleased to receive your ideas on how we can communicate better to parents - as well as any other comments or suggestions you may have. You will find an email address at the end of this newsletter which you can use if you prefer to.

Photos and short profiles of each governor can be found in the entrance hall of the school, and on the school website.

Governor changes

I would like to thank Bruce Smith (governor for 9 years) and Sue Donovan (governor for 7 years), who both left the Governing Body, for their invaluable support. The Reverend Angela Martin has replaced Bruce as Community Governor, and Mr Daniel Mitchelmore has replaced Sue as Parent Governor.

Thanks also go to Linda Robson, Authority Governor, who has had recently stepped down from the Governing Body. Her position has been advertised with the Local Authority and we await a new appointment soon.

Do contact us through the school or email us governors@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk if you would like further information on becoming a Governor.

Who we are...

Sandy Tong
Community Governor and Chair
of Governors

Stuart Maclean,
Authority Governor and Vice
Chairman of Governors

Lisa Tynan
Community Governor

Reverend Angela Martin
Community Governor

Alex Gillott
Parent Governor

Ceri Tinning
Parent Governor

Louise Thwaite
Parent Governor

Daniel Mitchelmore
Parent Governor

Fiona Dowley
Staff Governor and
Headteacher

Charlotte Stevens
Staff Governor

Julie Burt
Staff Governor

Emma Taylor
Clerk to Governors

So who are we and what do we do?

All school governors are volunteers and aim to provide a strong link between the school, parents, carers and the local community. The Governing Body structure consists of 4 parent governors, 3 staff governors, 3 community governors and 2 local authority governors - so a broad representation of varying points of view.

Governor responsibilities are detailed on the school website under Roles and responsibilities. In brief, we are held accountable for the standard of education, finances, legal responsibilities and safeguarding at the school. To carry out these duties we work closely with school staff, and work through a committee structure. The committees are Resources (including Pay Committee), Premises and Curriculum (including Nursery) - which all meet at least once each term. We also hold a full governing body meeting each half term to share issues.

However, being a governor is not all meetings and committees. We are all committed to the school, and made welcome whenever we come in - which isn't always for official duties. We come in as helpers in the classrooms, assemblies, on trips - and get to join in some of the exciting events that happen - circus skills, carnival, cuddle-me-do-farm to name just a few.

Being a governor is interesting, stimulating and fulfilling.

Sandy Tong, Chair of Governors



Are you interested in becoming a Governor? Contact us via the school or email us on governors@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk

All our newsletters will be available on the school website www.brook.w-sussex.sch.uk

Feedback form

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Please return the feedback form to the School Office for the attention of Emma Taylor, Clerk to Governors or via email at governors@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk