

Chairs page

Dear parents and carers,

The governing body have had their first meeting of the 2018-19 academic year, where roles and responsibilities were allocated, as listed on the right hand side of this page.

These responsibilities link with the school's new improvement & development plan.(SIDP), which sets out our short term plan to achieve our long term vision. A single page summary is available on our website:

<http://www.spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk/ky-information/school-development/>

After the success of last year, the governors will be holding a monitoring day on Tuesday 20 November, whereby governors will be in school all day. This enables us to see the school at work and gives us an opportunity to gain first hand information to effectively monitor the progress and performance of the school as well as evaluate our own impact on the school.

Parental feedback is an important

factor in the decisions made by the governing body. Therefore, as part of the day, we will be available for any parent or carer who may have a question for the governing body, or has any feedback or concerns they wish to raise.

To enable us to continue to gather your thoughts and opinions, we have also decided to continue to hold our parent forums, the first of which is on 7th November at 9am., where our topic will be attendance.

We would welcome all parents and carers with queries around school attendance to attend this forum where they will be able to obtain first hand information on the schools and the legal expectations around attendance, the impact low attendance has on your child/ren's learning and how to support your child's learning.

Angela Eastick
Chair of Governors

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Governor appointments, resignations and vacancies

We welcome Miss Engall to the governing body, who replaces Mrs Kidd as staff governor.



We have a vacancy for a parent governor on the board.

The Governing body are involved in decision making in many aspects of the school and having parent governors on

the board ensures that the views and opinions of our families are taken into account when making these decisions.

No qualifications are required for the role and full training is given.

The governing body also has 3 co-opted governor vacancies

If you feel you share our interest in the performance and direction of the school with the motivation, desire, willingness and, more importantly, time to contribute towards the continuing improvement of the school., please contact either the chair of governors or the school office.

Angela Eastick

- Chair of Governors
- Finance
- Effectiveness of Leadership & management
- Staff & whole school development & training

Matt Ward

- Vice Chair
- Outcomes
- Core subject link governor
- Quality of teaching, learning & assessment

Heidi Jordan

- Head teacher

Lily Engall

- SEND/Child protection
- Premises development
- Personal development, behaviour & welfare

Neil Campbell

- Safeguarding & attendance
- GDPR
- EYFS

Kerry Goodhew

- Partnerships, governors, parents & the community
- PE & sports
- Foundation subject link governor

Feedback

Younger Siblings in school

Here at Spixworth Infant School, we want to make sure all families have the best opportunity to share in their child/ren's learning and so, the diary for the next academic year is sent out in July, before the school breaks up for summer. This gives everyone equal opportunity to either arrange time off work or childcare arrangements well in advance. Very occasionally events are added to the diary and we always ensure these are communicated to you, either via the head teacher's or class newsletters or informed to you by letter at the earliest opportunity.

Younger siblings are welcome at our class assemblies and performances, sharing afternoons, parent forums, parent/teacher progress meetings and Christmas cafes. We do however ask that alternative childcare arrangements are made for the reading/writing/math's cafe's which take place once a term.

These cafe's are part of your child's structured learning for that day and will take the place of either their English or Maths lesson. They are intended for you as parents/carers to be actively involved in your child's learning at school and see the many, varied ways we help our children to learn here at Spixworth Infant School. They will also provide you with resources to use with your child/ren when continuing their learning at home.

We also need to ensure we keep our children and all visitors safe. The reading/writing/math's cafe's take place in year groups, which means the hall, when set up for learning, can become very crowded. We also have resources, such as scissors and glue within easy reach for our learners. Due to health and safety regulations, we can not allow pushchairs into the premises during school hours. So, as you can see, allowing younger siblings to attend these cafe's would significantly increase the risk of accident or injury.

As volunteers and all of us working parents ourselves, we fully understand that it is not always possible to attend school events and so, when you are not able to attend, we welcome grandparents, aunts, uncles or other family members to attend in your place.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Learning together, Achieving together
Our aim is to enable every child to Shine



Parents/carers and children enjoying one of our termly cafes.

The parent workshop information section of the school website includes more information on supporting your child's learning:

<http://www.spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk/parents/parent-workshop-information/>

Please speak to your class teacher if you need any further information or have any queries.