

Governors Newsletter

January 2020



Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring term!

Last half term saw the first federation governor monitoring day. For some governors, this was their first opportunity to see both schools in action.

An important part of governance is to ensure that we see first hand that the decisions being made by school leaders is having a positive impact on school improvement.

Learning walks therefore took place in all classes across both schools, which gave governors the opportunity to speak directly with the children and staff about different aspects of learning and school life.

From this, governors have been able to highlight specific focus points for their Spring term monitoring.

All feedback from the governor monitoring day was collated and presented at the full governing body meeting on 5 December, minutes of which are available, on request, from either school office.

The federation development group also held it's first meeting last half term, where a draft action plan was discussed. This along with a draft vision for the federation will be further discussed at a second meeting being held on 13th January, before being presented to the full governing body for approval on 3 February.

We are very much looking forward to sharing our federation vision and plans with all our stakeholders soon.

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 - Chair of Governors
 - Finance
- Matt Ward
 - Vice Chair
 - Quality of teaching, learning & assessment inc. Outcomes
- Lily Engall
 - SEND/Child protection/pupil premium
- Paula Mellor
 - Safeguarding inc attendance & safer recruitment
- Rochelle Smith
 - GDPR
- Peter Lamble
 - Effectiveness of leadership and management
- Alexandra Knight
 - Curriculum
- Gavin Cowley
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 - Quality of teaching, learning & assessment inc. Outcomes
- Julia Whiting
 - Partnerships, governors, parents & the community
- Shaun Turner
 - Health & Wellbeing inc. PE & Sports, personal development, behaviour and staff and whole school development & training
- Jo Thompson
 - Premises development inc. Health & safety

Governor appointments and vacancies

We are delighted to welcome Peter Lamble to the governing body as our LA governor. Peter is a national leader of governance and was recommended to us by Norfolk County Council due to his many years experience and previous involvement in Federations. Whilst he is not employed by the Local Authority, he will be expected to represent the LA and it's policies on the governing board.

We are also pleased to welcome Gavin Cowley and Jo Thompson to the board, who join us as co-opted governors.

Gavin has over 30 years experience in education and is a Partnership Adviser for Norfolk County Council. Gavin will be predominantly working with Alexandra and Matt to monitor curriculum and quality of teaching and learning across the federation.

Jo is also employed by Norfolk County Council as a Project Development Manager. Having worked primarily with multi academy trusts for the last few years, she is keen to return to a school governance role. Jo will take on the role of Premises development and health & Safety however she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in governance to the board.

Charlotte has decided to step down as a governor however, will continue to support the board as an associate member.