

Chelmondiston CEVC Primary School

Governor Update Summer 2019



Dear Parents

This term has been a busy one for the school and for the governors too. In May the Chair of Governors, Mrs Sally Letman, stepped down after 3 years in the role. The Governors and the School are grateful to Sally for all her hard work, commitment, and boundless good humour. The new Chair of Governors is Mrs Chris Deacon. Chris has lived in the village for 13 years and is looking forward to playing an active role in the School's continuing development.

What are Governing Bodies responsible for?

- Making sure the school has a clear vision, strong ethos and a development plan
- Holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school
- Ensuring that the school finances are managed correctly and the money is well spent

Governors

Mrs C. Deacon - Chair
Mrs A. Stockwin - Vice Chair
Mr. B. Donald - Vice chair
Mr. P. Shone
Mr. E. Baines
Miss F. Wylie
Mrs J. Parish
Mrs R. Hatcher
Mrs M. Garratt-Simpson
Mrs J. Hawkes
Tracy Whayman, Business
Manager, associate Governor

Do Governors go into the school?

Governors have been visiting the School recently to carry out a programme of monitoring. Some Governors have taken what is called a 'Learning Walk', alongside a teacher, to look at activities and resources in the classroom and outdoors. Another area of interest for us is the pupils' exercise books where we can see evidence of written assignments and the teachers' feedback to pupils. It is interesting to track the relationship between teacher feedback and pupil response and progress. Occasionally Governors may ask to speak to some pupils about their learning experience. This is very important and gives us valuable insight into their views of the School, their lessons and themselves as a learner. All this knowledge of the workings of the School helps us to meet our responsibilities and to have meaningful discussions with the Head Teacher about future plans and priorities.

The Governors are grateful to the staff and the pupils for making them so welcome and assisting them in carrying out their duties.

We value the views of parents and are looking to develop closer links in the future. If, as a parent, you have any suggestions about this or would consider applying to be a governor in the future then please contact the Chair of Governors through the School.