



Selsted Governor Newsletter – Spring 2021

Selsted Recovery Plan

I think that it is fair to say that if you had told us, as a governing board, that this pandemic would still be affecting us a year after we first closed the school to all but keyworker children, we would have been sceptical. Yet here we are!

Throughout this time the school has been open and the senior leadership team have been planning for what happens next. Hopefully you will have seen the Selsted Recovery Plan which has been published on the website.

You will see that our aim is to make sure that the children are supported in terms of their mental health and wellbeing before we charge ahead with any gaps in their learning. Your children are our priority and our recovery plan has been written with their needs in mind rather than any data targets.

Governing Board Update and Overview

Our current governing board is as follows;

J Ibbetson-Revell – Chair of Governors
C. Blakemore – Vice Chair of Governors
A Woodgate - Headteacher
J. Brown – Chair of Finance and Resource Committee
N. Povey – Chair of Learning and development committee and Parent Governor
J. Butcher-Weisner – Archbishops Ex-Officio foundation governor
C. Readman – Co-opted Governor
K.Lambillion – Parent Governor
S Ive – Staff Governor
Rev Dr C Langlands – Local Authority Governor
S Foster – Clerk to Governors

This academic year has seen the appointment of Mrs S Foster as the clerk to governors and Rev Dr C Langlands as the local authority governor. Both are very experienced and share our passion for making sure all children experience that best that we can offer.

Jen Ibbetson-Revell, Chair of Governors

Celebrating our new Library and Wellbeing Room

Thanks to the determination and fabulous project management skills of Mrs Woodgate and her team, the new library and wellbeing room has been created from the old WW2 air raid shelter.

There is a great slideshow on the website:

<https://selsted-church-of-england-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/school-librarywell-being-room-is-finished/>

This includes some before and after pictures and is well worth a look!

Our Wonderful Environment

We are very fortunate at Selsted to have staff and children who are passionate about nurturing our environment. We are lucky to be in a beautiful part of Kent with access to some wonderful woods, thanks to a local community member, and lots of great space for outdoor learning.

Mrs Clarke-Green is not only an amazing office manager but has also been busy getting our eco-friendly bottle greenhouse built and ready for plenty of gardening this spring and summer. She has also created a whole team of children in school that look for opportunities for us to be ecologically aware of the impact we have on our environment.

This is reflected in our vision statement, part of which reads, *'Here at Selsted in our unique, rural setting, we provide a happy, safe, stimulating environment where children can develop their love of learning. Through mutual respect and trust, children are given a voice and responsibility'*.

Governor Vacancies

The Governing Board is currently complete at 10 members

We are always open to expressions of interest and potential associate governors. Becoming an associate can be a great way to dip your toe in the water of governance so if this is something that might interest you, please don't hesitate to contact me, Jen Ibbetson-Revell or the Headteacher via the school office.