

Selsted Governor Newsletter – Autumn 2019



Firstly, a warm welcome to all of the new parents and children – thank you for choosing Selsted CE Primary. We look forward to you being part of the Selsted family.

For those that are new, please let me introduce myself – my name is Jen Ibbetson-Revell and I am the Chair of the Governing Board for the school. I wanted to take the opportunity to tell you a little bit about the Board and what we do.

The Governing Board of the school is made up of the Headteacher, a staff representative, 2 foundation governors to represent the Diocese, 3 Co-opted governors from the community, one governor appointed by the Local Education Authority and 2 parent governors. Each governor should bring a set of useful skills or relevant experience with them. Currently, the Governing Board consists of;

Mrs A Woodgate - Headteacher

Mr R Flack – Asst Headteacher – Staff Governor

Miss C Blakemore – Foundation Governor

Mrs J Butcher-Weisner – Foundation Governor

Mrs J Ibbetson-Revell – Co-opted Governor and Chair

Mrs J Brown – Co-opted Governor and Vice Chair

Mrs B Shaw – Co-opted Governor

Vacancy – Local Authority Governor

Mrs N Povey – Parent Governor

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Between us we have expertise in HR, leadership, education, finance, safeguarding, links with the local community and churches, online safety and collective worship.

Our role is to work with the school leaders and staff:

- To be accountable for the performance of the school to parents and the wider community
- To help to plan the school's future direction
- To select the head teacher when necessary
- To make sure the school is financially well managed
- To make sure the agreed Curriculum is well taught
- To decide how the school can encourage pupils' spiritual, moral and cultural development
- To make sure the school provides for all pupils including those with special needs.

To do this we meet at least twice termly (sometimes more) as a whole or in teams, to discuss and plan how we can do this most effectively. It is a rewarding role to have and we all feel passionately about offering the best for both our children and our adults. If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to send me a message via the school office.

Governor Priorities for the Year ahead

As a governing board we like to make sure that our strategy aligns with that of the school so we work very closely with the staff on School Improvement teams.

This helps us to really understand Selsted school and to know how and where to look for the evidence we need to know that the things that need to happen are happening.

Alongside this, our priorities for this year are;

- to recruit and train new governors so that we are working at full capacity
- to prepare ourselves for our upcoming church inspection
- to prepare ourselves for the Ofsted inspection that we anticipate will be in the next academic year
- to access any necessary training to help us achieve these priorities

Each year we take time for reflection, self evaluation and to ask ourselves how we might do things differently. We also like to make sure that our meetings are useful (not boring) and allow us to have a sense of humour!

If you would ever like to know more about how we work, please don't hesitate to ask.

Governor Vacancies

We are in need of a new parent governor.

This is a great opportunity to use your expertise and enthusiasm working as part of a team.

Training and mentoring is provided and the time commitment is c 5hrs per term.

If you are interested please let Mrs Woodgate know or see Mrs Ibbetson-Revell for a chat.