



Governors' Newsletter

Autumn Term 2014



The new Governing Body of Bedenham and Holbrook Federation of Schools

Now the Federation has been formed, there is also a new governing body which comprises governors from the governing bodies of both schools. When the Governing Body was formed, we were required to reconstitute which is something that all governing bodies need to do by 1st September 2015. The Governing Body is now structured in a different way with only 1 Local Authority Governor, 1 elected staff governor across both schools and 2 elected parent governors, one from each school, plus the Executive Headteacher; all other governors are "co-opted". Governors are appointed by the governing body and are people who the governing body believes have the skills to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. Parents and staff may occupy co-opted posts.

So who are the governors and what are their roles?

The governing body decided that 15 governors should enable the governing body to carry out its duties effectively.

- Jan Heath** – Co-opted – Chair of Governors
- Graham Cull** – Co-opted – Vice Chair (also Health and Safety governor, Pupil Premium governor and Early Years governor)
- Angela Foice** – Staff Governor
- Lyn Hobbs** – Co-opted – Chair of School Improvement Committee (also Child Protection, Safeguarding and Looked after Children governor)
- Caroline Landon** – Co-opted
- Andy Lane** – Local Authority Governor – SEN governor, Science governor
- Kelly Lethbridge** – Co-opted – Pupil Premium governor, South East Forum rep and Gifted and Talented governor
- Sam Leyden** – Co-opted
- Louisa Newman** – Co-opted – Training Liaison governor and Maths governor
- Tracy Potter** – Executive Head Teacher
- Sam Reed** – Co-opted – Chair of Resources and Finance committee
- Caroline Wood** – Co-opted – Head of School Bedenham (will be an Associate Governor from January 2015)
- Isobel Wood** – Parent Governor Holbrook – Literacy governor
- Vacancy** – Parent Governor Bedenham
- Vacancy** – Co-opted
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With effect from January 2015 there will be two Associate Governors who will be the Heads of School, Caroline Wood, Bedenham, and Zoe Dudley, Holbrook.

What's been happening?

- To ensure we have the right skills within the governing body there has been an analysis of skills and what training has been completed. Whole Governing Body Training on 13th October – topic was Monitoring. This ties in with the governors' monitoring plan which includes visits to school, health and safety reviews, pupil conferencing as examples. There is a Policy Working party to review the policies of both schools to align them where possible, and if appropriate, create Federation policies. The budgets of both schools have been closely scrutinised and revisions made where necessary. Governors have been involved in the recruitment process of staff at Holbrook, i.e. Head of School, Language Provision leader, SEN Co-ordinator.

Finally the Governors of the Bedenham and Holbrook Federation would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.



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