



Governors' Newsletter Autumn Term 2015

This is the first letter from the governors this academic year, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new children and families at Downs Infant School. It will be my last year as Chair at a school which has been dear to my heart since my eldest son started in Reception back in 1994!! (I hasten to add I haven't been a chair THAT long but long enough for someone else to take the reins.) The school continues to be successful in terms of pupils' achievement but also as a nurturing environment for children new to school life. We are particularly pleased with the developments in Reception and ICT provision, and look forward to some all-weather "grass" to enhance our outdoor space.

Current Governors

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| Rachel Attwell, | chair of governors |
| Oli Rahman | vice chair of governors |
| Sarah Axtell | vice chair of governors |
| Tracey Jarrett | headteacher |
| Jonathan Cave | teacher at Downs Infant School |
| Anna Korman | teacher at Downs Infant School |
| Julia Gallagher | |
| Claire McCann | |
| Niall Howell | |
| Alan Cronshaw | |
| Mark Keiller | |
| Tony Fallowfield | |
| Sheila Cullen | associate member |
| Michael Button | associate member |

Parent Governors, and child(ren)'s class(es) (where relevant)

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| Oli Rahman | Hedgehogs |
| Katie Salvidge | Turtles, Starfish |
| Sarah Axtell | Turtles, Puffins |
| Tony Fallowfield | Badgers |

Information about specific governors is on the governors' section of the website (please do let us know if there is anything else you would like to see there).

Governors give their time freely and willingly and are an integral part of the leadership team. We are always on the look out for people who would be interested in this role and are actively seeking people with experience in finance and leadership as well as those from a minority ethnic background or with experience of disability. We are delighted that Tony Fallowfield joins us as our newest parent governor.

Already this term we have: continued our collaborative work with Downs Junior School which is now stronger than ever before, monitored the budget and scrutinised performance data from summer 2015.

With every good wish,

Rachel Attwell, Chair of Governors

You can contact the Chair of Governors via the school office, either in writing/email or by requesting that she contact you by phone which she will do as soon as possible.