

Governors' Newsletter February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now about halfway through the academic year. The Governing body have been working hard to ensure we support the Head teacher and staff in ensuring that, together, we are providing the best we can for our children at Downs Infant School. The driving force in guiding what we do is our School Development Plan. The main areas we have been focussing on this year are:

1. Reducing the attainment gap between children of differing backgrounds
2. Encouraging children to use 'growth mind-set' behaviours
3. Ensuring everyone feels safe and able to do their best
4. Reducing any gender gaps , especially in the Early Years Foundation Stage
5. Ensuring we have effective and distributed leadership within the school

We have been making headway in all the areas above and the Governors will be visiting the school in the coming months to see first-hand what progress has been made.

We are also constantly on the lookout for new members to join the Governing Body to ensure that we are providing the best support possible for the staff and leadership team.

With that in mind, we are currently looking to recruit someone who has experience in Health and Safety in the workplace. If you feel you can help, please get in contact with me via the school office.

The commitment we expect from our Governing Body involves up to six evening meetings a year, a variable number of day time visits to the school to explore specific issues and report back to fellow governors, plus a commitment to attend governor training.

Your support is much appreciated,



Oli Rahman
Chair of Governors, Downs Infant School