

Governor Newsletter



Chair's remarks

Dear Fairfield families

I hope 2018 has got off to a fantastic start and you have enjoyed Half Term! We wanted to use this newsletter, to give you an insight into the work we will be carrying out in 2018, with a particular focus on the part we play in progressing attainment for Fairfield pupils.

The school's resolutions were set back in September when key focus areas were identified and Mr Steele set out the action plan for driving forward improvements. The Governing Body then monitors the impact of these measures by reviewing progress data, providing challenge during committee meetings and visiting the school to see the plans in action. If you are interested in finding out more about what we do, our Strategic Monitoring Plan for 2017/2018 will shortly become available on the school web page.

We also introduce our new Governors – some of their faces may already be familiar to you! I hope you find this useful. As ever, if you have any governance type queries, please contact me on chair@fairfieldprimary.co.uk.

Vicky Bennett, Chair of Governors.

School Monitoring Plan

We have a 2017-2018 School Monitoring Plan which will assess the progress in, amongst others, the following areas:

- Attainment, phonics and writing results
- To encourage healthy & active outdoors children
- Community Links are further developed and profile of the school is heightened
- Strengthen the role of the Governing Body

Key Meetings

Resources Committee

Meeting termly as a minimum with a focus on this academic year of:

- Budget
- HR
- Health and Safety
- Premises

Standards Committee

Meeting termly as a minimum with a focus on this academic year of:

- School Improvement Plan
- Attainment
- Pupil Progress
- Specific subject feedback
- Safeguarding

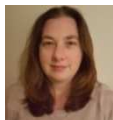
Local Governing Body Committee

For all members to meet termly and discuss the key outputs of each sub committee plus the Head Teacher's report and any key policies to be reviewed.



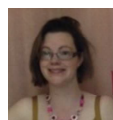
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The Governors



New Governor - Catrina Collings

I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to contribute to the ongoing success of Fairfield. I am a Safety Case Advisor with a professional background in applied nuclear physics. I also love to sing and I am a member of the Carnegie Singers, a community choir based in Workington. I recently joined the Board of Governors with a particular interest in special educational needs and the investment of pupil premium funds.



New Governor - Michelle Edmondson

I am very proud to be a new governor at Fairfield Primary School. I have lived in Cockermouth for 7 years and am keen to contribute my business and strategic skills to the local community. My eldest is in Year 1 and my youngest starts Reception in September. I am enjoying my role within the governing body and hope to contribute to the success and happiness of the whole school over the coming years.



New Governor – Holly Woodhead

I joined the Governing body bringing valuable marketing experience. Mother to two, with her eldest already in Fairfield and her youngest not far behind, Holly is keen to see the school go from strength to strength and hopes to use her marketing knowledge to help ensure the school is a success for many years to come.



New Governor – Hannah Kozich

I joined Fairfield School as a governor about 4 months ago - I was delighted to have been asked. By training I am a mechanical engineer, but have worked across a range of industries, in a number of different roles, so pretty broad range of skills and experience (I now work in the nuclear sector in a strategy role). Outside of work I have a range of interests from theatre and the arts to textiles and gardening. While I do not have children of my own, for me being a governor is about supporting the community in Cockermouth, which I really enjoy being part of.



New Governor – John Stephens

I became a governor in September 2017. I have worked as a Accountant for 25 years and work for a local firm where I have been in my current position as a portfolio manager for 10 years. I have 2 children, one in year 2 at Fairfield and one who is currently at Cockermouth School. I decided to take up the role of Governor so I could offer my expertise in financial matters as there will be many challenges ahead in funding and running the academy as a viable business.



Chair of Governors – Mrs Vicky Bennett

I joined the Governing Body when our family moved to Cockermouth in 2015, pretty much the same time as my two children joined Fairfield. I'm now into my third year as Chair, a role I very much enjoy. As a lawyer, I'm naturally very curious - an attribute that serves me well as a governor! Throughout Fairfield Primary school there is a passionate desire for its pupils to succeed, it's exciting to be able to play a part in this process.



Vice Chair of Governors & Chair of Resources Committee - Mr Oliver Nicols

I joined the governing body of Fairfield Primary School in 2014 and I am a trustee of the Learning for Life Trust and vice-chair of the local Governing Body. I work in the nuclear industry and have done for over 25 years. My son and my daughter are currently pupils at Fairfield and really enjoy school life! I am keen to see the school move forward, continuing with the excellent vision and ethos of the school, developing school plans and priorities. I want the school to continue with the excellent progress in performance towards outstanding!



Chair of Standards Committee - Mr Andy Cooney

I have been involved in governing for 2 years. Link governor for STEM. I have a son in year 3. I'm a technical manager at Sellafield and have lived up here for about 20 years, I was chair at the Kirkgate Theatre a while ago. I like bicycles, music, the lakes, coffee beer and cheese.



Mrs Sally Sapsford

I have been the Safeguarding Governor at Fairfield School for just over 18 months. I moved to Cockermouth with my husband in 2013, having retired as a Primary Deputy Head teacher in Leicestershire. I have a 37 year old son, a daughter aged 33 years and a grandson who is two years old. My role as safeguarding governor involves me in visiting school every half term to meet with the Deputy Head for updates on safeguarding issues. I also meet with various staff to discuss curriculum areas that are linked to safeguarding.



Mr Craig Smith

I have been a parent governor with Fairfield Primary School since 2013 and has been a trustee in the Learning For Life Trust since the school converted to an academy in 2015. I also sit on the school resources committee. I am a Solicitor with 20 years' experience, specialising in criminal defence advocacy and adult social care work.



Deputy Head teacher - Mrs Julie Sutton

I have been a teacher for over 36 years. I started at Fairfield Junior School for one day of supply 16 years ago and have never left! As most of you will know I am currently the Deputy Headteacher and I teach in year 4 one day a week. Throughout my career I have had the opportunity to teach all over the country, in both primary and secondary schools and in nearly all the year groups- but my heart lies in the Lakes. I love living in the Lake District with my family close by and the fells at my doorstep.