

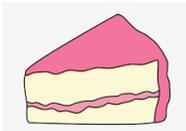


### Introducing Helen

This edition of “Governors’ News” has been written by Helen Pakes. Helen is vice-chair of governors at Hanslope School and has responsibilities for Mental Health and Well-being, PHSE and Music. She was originally elected as a parent governor (her son attended Hanslope School from 2012-2019) but she has now been co-opted to the governing board. Helen is a forensic psychologist and works at St Andrew’s Hospital in Northampton.

### COVID

The governors were really hoping to get to know parents better by assisting at some of the school’s Christmas events. Unfortunately, current COVID guidelines have made this impractical. We were also hoping to re-start the popular “Governors’ Tea Parties” for children selected by their teachers as deserving a reward. We have been unable to do so for the same reasons. We plan to reinstate these as soon as the guidelines change and year groups can once again mix freely.



# Governors' News

## Autumn 2 2021



### A Busy Term!

There has been lots going on for the Governing Board since the last edition of Governors’ News! We had our first Full Governing Board meeting of the school year in October. At this, we discussed the school’s strategic priorities for the next year and reviewed the School Development Plan. Following this, all three of the governing board committees have met to review their respective areas of responsibility: Resources (which is responsible for budgeting, finance and other assets), Curriculum (which is responsible for reviewing pupil attainment and progress as well as teaching and learning) and PPPD (Pupils, Parents, Personnel and Discipline, which reviews everything to do with the people who make up our school community). Individual governors have been meeting with school staff to review their own specific areas of responsibility. The role of school governors is to “support and challenge” in order to make Hanslope School the best possible learning environment for our children.

Meanwhile, as you will be aware, Ofsted came to inspect us in mid-October. The Governors were delighted that the feedback was so positive and were very proud that the pupils and staff made such a good impression. We look forward to helping the Senior Leadership Team and the staff to address the action points that were raised over the next few months.



And just a week after the inspection, governors were busy with the appointment of our new deputy head. We are very pleased that Lisa Lawrence was successful in her application and we welcome her to her new role and her position on the board of governors. We have also welcomed two new parent governors on to the board this term, Charlotte Clay and Stuart Johnston, and Catherine Jackson has joined us as our staff representative.

We are all very excited about the new building and the school expansion. Developing our strategic vision and policies for a bigger school will be a key focus over the next year.

*Hanslope School Governors would like to wish all our pupils, parents and staff a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!*