

Governance Newsletter

September 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another great year for Maryport Church of England Primary and we are really pleased with all the hard work and achievements of your children. We hope they have all settled well in their new classes.

The Governing Body (GB) have been working hard to support Mrs Ormond and her team by overseeing all areas within the school such as Finance, Curriculum & Standards, Personnel and Premises. Our aim is to ensure that every child who attends the school is safe and receives the best education possible. We are lucky to have such a dedicated and hardworking group of professionals to work with.

What do we do?

The Governing Body is a group of people responsible for the strategic running of a school.

Ours is comprised of the headteacher, staff governors, foundation governors, parent governors, co-opted governors and one governor appointed by the local authority (LA).

Governors carry out their duties voluntarily and their role is to hold the headteacher to account for the running of the school and the progress and wellbeing of its pupils and staff.

Meet the team:

Headteacher:	Joanne Ormond	Foundation Governor:	Yvette Ladds
Clerk to Governors:	Christine Freeland	Foundation Governor:	Susan McKendrey
Chair (& Co-opted):	Steve Newton-Lister	Co-opted Governor:	Vacancy
Vice-Chair (& LA):	Julie Batsford	Parent Governor:	Natalie Ashcroft
Staff Governor:	Tracey Bell	Parent Governor:	Vacancy

As can be seen above we do have vacancies, in both Co-opted and Parent governor capacities. Any parent/carer who feels they could commit and add their skills to our collective, we encourage you to get in touch via the Clerk for more information. Christine can be contacted at either by written application or declaration of interest to the school, or via email at: clerk@maryport.cumbria.sch.uk

We do welcome feedback, whether we are getting things right, or if we have areas where we can learn. Like all schools, we are no different in that there are clear Policies and Procedures for the school and governors to follow. The first port of call for any complaint must be the office, and be elevated through the school before being raised with governors. Our policies and procedures can be viewed and downloaded via the school website explain how any issue can be raised, but, as ever if you have any questions please do contact the Clerk. To help us understand how staff, pupils and parents see the school and how we can improve, we will be circulating a questionnaire in the coming weeks as means of getting feedback.

It must be noted that the outgoing year 6 SATs results were outstanding, and we have every confidence the incumbent year will share in their success in early 2023.

As always this year, we welcome new children into the school, across the ages from Little Acorns, Nursery, Reception and in Year 3 from our feeder infants schools. We also welcome new staff. I'm sure you will join us in making them feel very welcome.

Yours with thanks, The Governing Body

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