



Questions from the 2020 – 2021 School Council and answered by Mr Mollet in a 'live' interview

1. How long have you been a governor?
 - I became a Governor in 2017. So, I have been a Governor for 3 years.
2. Why did you choose to be a school governor?
 - A way to be involved with helping the School
 - To understand what the role of a Governor was fully
 - It is a great School and I want to provide positive support for its development and ongoing success
3. What are the school governors responsible for?
 - It is a legal position. All Schools have to have Governors and they meet in what is called a Governing Body, or "Team"
 - They help to oversee how the School is being run everyday and through each term.
 - To make sure all the Staff are working to the correct rules and requirements.
 - We seek Assurance. We look for evidence that everything is being managed properly for the Children's well-being and Education
4. Do you get paid to be a school governor?
 - NO. It is a voluntary role. All of the work we do both in the School and in our spare time is for free.
5. Do you have any training to be a school governor?
 - Yes. There are a huge range of courses and training sessions available for Governors. These used to be held in other schools and office meeting rooms across Surrey.
 - Several courses each month. Governors select which they would like to attend.
 - Recently all have been online because we cannot travel or meet.
 - With Governors of other Schools
 - All topics from Finance (money), the curriculum, and other essential legal matters about how Schools are run and what Governors have to do.
6. What is the best part about being a school governor?
 - The close interaction with the daily life at WFJS
 - The ability to learn about and support all the ways in which the school is run.
7. What is your responsibility as Chair of the school governors?
 - The "Chair" is the person voted by the other Governors to manage the Governing Body (Team). The Chair has to help plan all meetings and review Action Points and Tasks that are agreed by the Governors to do.
 - The Chair is the main person for the Head or Deputy Head to turn to if there are important matters to discuss.
 - The Chair is expected to be available for the Senior Team, especially the Head, to listen, discuss things and be a supportive role at all times.

8. Do you do any other job apart from being a school governor?

- Yes. I work in the Shipping Industry. My company is a fuel supplier to Ships. We are based in the island of Malta in the Mediterranean.

9. Who are the other school governors?

- Dr Andy Norman (he used to be the Chair)
- Ellen Ferguson (Parent)
- Ni Hamblin (Parent)
- Emma Ware (Parent)
- Christian Kingsley (Parent)
- Paul Stokes
- Paul Satchell
- BB Roy
- Maysoon Muktar
- Tricia Crawford (just stepped down)
- Ann Farquhar

10. Do you train the teachers?

- No, this is not our responsibility.
- Teachers are all trained and have qualifications from University and other professional training courses.

11. How do you help our school?

- We are here to oversee how the School is managed and to make sure all of the strategic planning is carried out correctly and in line with Government Education Policy
- Across the Governing Body, we offer our time and support in various areas. These include financial reviews, Safeguarding, Well-being, maintenance and upkeep of the School building and grounds, Special Educational needs and many other areas
- Each Governor focusses on different area

12. Do you ever visit our school?

- Yes, and we LOVE to and we are so sorry we have not been able to because of the Pandemic.
- We come to the School for Governing Body meetings. Normally these are late in the evening after you have all gone home. We have tried to start some now at 8am, so that we get to see the Children coming in to school and see you all settling in to the day!
- During Lock-Down we have had to be smart and try to meet on Microsoft TEAMS or ZOOM.
- We have just started a new initiative. We have designated Governors in pairs / 3's to each Year Group. We have new teams. They are:
 - Year 3 Anthony Mollet, Emma Ware, Ni Hamblin
 - Year 4 Ellen, Patricia, Andy
 - Year 5 Maysoon Christian Paul Stokes
 - Year 6 BB Roy, Paul Satchell

13. What do you think is good about Wallace Fields Junior School?

- It is an incredibly supportive and close community of staff, parents, carers and pupils.
- I always feel a happy vibe when I set foot in the school
- WFJS offers a wide variety of opportunities for pupils of all abilities and interests.
- The Governing Body works closely with the staff and has a very clear understanding of how the school is being run and its clear strategic objectives for the coming terms and year ahead

