

# NPSG ~ NESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

## **What do Governors do?**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Welcome to a new termly newsletter from the Governing body. In this first edition we would like to introduce ourselves and explain a little about how the governing body works.

Over the next few editions we hope to respond to your feedback so that in partnership we can meet the needs of our whole school community. We hope that the newsletter will evolve to address any suggestions, questions or concerns that you may have.

## **What is the governing body?**

We are a group of staff, parents, members of the local community and representatives of the local authority who work in partnership with the head teacher and staff to ensure the best possible learning experience for all of our children.

The full governing body meets on a termly basis. In addition each governor also attends one or more of the of sub-committees (Teaching & Learning, Personnel & Partnership, Resources). These sub-committees meet termly too.

## **Every school has a team of governors, but what does the governing body do?**

We have three main roles:

Governors are the 'critical friend' of the school offering support, constructive advice and a sounding board for new ideas, whilst challenging and asking questions, where appropriate, to seek the best possible outcomes for the whole school.

The governing body has a strategic role in setting, maintaining and reviewing aims and objectives and in agreeing policies, targets and priorities, and ensuring that these are met.

Our final role is to ensure accountability and to be accountable ourselves to the staff, pupils, parents and authorities.

Our role can range from overseeing the budget, to the care and maintenance of the buildings, to overseeing policies, to the safeguarding of our children.

We do not however have a role in the day to day running of our school which is carried out by our Headteacher and staff. Our focus is on raising standards and promoting the personal development and wellbeing of all of our children.

**We aim to work with our Headteacher, staff and parents to try and make Neston Primary School a happy, safe and nurturing environment in which all children achieve their full potential.**

**Governors simple want to make the school the best it can be for the pupils.**

Time and time again Ofsted (the national inspection body for schools) has noted that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management - including by the governing body.

**Since the Ofsted inspection in December 2014, what have the Governors done to help address the action points?**

## **Other than sitting in meetings, what else do we do?**

As governors we try to play an active role in school life attending celebration assemblies, school visits, end of term services and on occasion school dinners!

Each class has a nominated governor who follows that year group as it progresses through the school. Each subject also has a dedicated governor who meets with the subject leader to discuss plans and policies. Some of the governors also come into school as parent helpers. As well as being enjoyable and rewarding this participation gives us a valuable insight into the school day and hopefully enables us to make more informed decisions.

## **Neston Primary School Governors**

At Neston Primary School the Governing Body is made up of people representing the local community, the Local Authority, parents & carers and those who represent school staff.

Chair of Governors - Lindsey Hinks. Vice-Chair – Linda Pritchard. Ian Trotman. Karen Noble. Stuart Bellerby. Simon Wilson. Sara Phillips. Sarah Rudd. Kate Davies. Shirley Miller, Carole Cottrell. Annabel Elliott. Rob Golding.

## **So why have we decided to introduce a newsletter?**

We strongly believe that in order for our children to have a happy and successful learning experience and for all to achieve their full potential it is essential that the staff, governors and parents work in partnership. You and your child are at the heart of everything we endeavour to achieve and we hope that you are happy with what we do. However we need your feed back as without your comments we don't know if we are getting it right!

We would be very grateful if you would let us know your thoughts – positive or negative – we promise we won't be offended! These can be handed to your child's class teacher or posted in the comments box in the entrance hall.

We are also always happy to answer questions in person. Some of the parent governors are regularly in the playground at the beginning and end of the school day and I promise we are approachable!

We will always do our best to answer your questions or to direct you to someone who can. In addition there is now a link available on the governor page of the school website if you would like any further general information regarding school governors.

We intend that future editions will be a little shorter, will include information regarding specific areas of school life / curriculum that we are working on and will reflect on your comments and questions.

Please support the school further by expressing your views on the following:

1. Ideas for school improvement
2. Comments regarding this newsletter
3. General suggestions or questions

## **How to Contact us:**

If parents or carers want to contact governors they can leave a message with the office staff, pop a note in the folder attached to the Governor display in the entrance hall or e-mail us :

admin@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk

**Finally thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. This first edition has predominantly been an introduction to the governing body and is quite lengthy!**