

Governor Newsletter
Autumn term 2023

Governing Body 2023-2024

Fiona Ip - Head Teacher
Helen Wilkinson- Foundation (Chair)
John Wilson -Co-opted (Vice-Chair)
Lisa Kay - Teacher
Andrew Taylor - Local Authority
Edward Huddleston - Co-opted
Sally Hughes – Co-opted
Rev Jane Lee - Foundation
Vacancy - Parent
Lucy Ray – Parent
Zoe Briggs–Dixon – Parent

This autumn Edward and I have both begun new terms of office.

Rebecca has stepped down from the Governing Body, so we say a very big thank you to her for all the time and dedication she has given as a parent governor.

We agreed at our summer Full Governing Body meeting to put our Governing Body constitution onto the autumn agenda, so this is now under discussion. The membership of the Governing Body will be agreed with both the Diocese and LCC.

I have attended the summer and autumn term Chair's Forum meetings. These are now always on zoom and much better attended than when held in different schools. I do quite miss the opportunity to have a look round a variety of schools but it did make for some interesting trips. Once when the road when was closed near Our Lady's High, their one way system had to be negotiated the wrong way round (I got it wrong); and

once we were all locked out of Heysham High by the timed security system, and someone had to show us the back way in; so much easier to join the meeting at home. I have also booked a place on the Chairs Conference next March. This will be in the County Hall, Preston; so easy to get to by train. This is usually a very good day with a variety of workshops and also a good chance to network with other chairs.

We have an in- school training session booked for 11th December when we will be learning about OFSTED inspection. It is five years since our last inspection so we can expect a visit at any time.

Our collaboration meetings are held in alternate schools and this term's meeting was at Melling. As we have been following the progress of their new heat pump system (part of a diocesan funded scheme) it was good to walk into a lovely warm school. They have also had some new doors and windows; most of our external doors are fairly new and should already provide a good level of insulation. Our boiler is not always as reliable as we would hope and is often a topic of discussion in our resources meetings; considering the costs of maintenance and repairs. It is good to know that an air source heat pump can be effective but as yet there is no indication that there will be funding for such a project in any more schools.

I hope you all enjoy the festive season.
Helen
Chair of Governors

