

Governor Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Governing Body

This term we say a very sad goodbye to Carole Butcher as she leaves the Governing Body. Carole has been a governor for 20yrs and has also volunteered with many aspects of school life. She is still helping us with Open The Book and Loaves and Fishes. We welcome Edward Huddleston as our new co-opted governor . Rebecca Mason's four year term of office has ended and elections will be taking place this term to elect a parent governor for the next four year term.

The members of our Governing Body for 2019—20 are :-

Fiona Ip — Head Teacher
Helen Wilkinson — Foundation (Chair)
Tony Capper — Co-opted
Lisa I'Anson – Staff
Andrew Taylor– Local Authority
Edward Huddleston– Co-opted
John Wilson— Co-opted (Vice Chair)
Bronwen Osborne—Foundation
Jenn Whitaker – Parent
To be elected —Parent
Lucy Ray —Parent
Howard Moore— Parent

Co-opted governors are members of the local community who are asked to join the Governing Body. Edward is a former pupil of TFS and is now a semi-retired educational consultant working for Young Citizens and Council of Europe. He specializes in education for democracy and human rights. He will be our Prevent and Pupil Voice governor and sit on the curriculum committee.

Parent Governors are always elected and their role is 'to provide a parental perspective on the board rather than act as representatives of the parent constituency' (National Governors Association)

We recently had our Autumn Term Full Governing Body meeting and at this meeting we are always asked to reflect on and adopt the Code of Conduct for School Governing Bodies. We are also reminded of the seven principles of public life as published by the Nolan Committee:- selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

The NGA advises that;-All governors need a strong commitment to the role and improving outcomes for children; the inquisitiveness to question and analyze; and the willingness to learn.

There is always something new to learn and this term we are all, with varying levels of success, learning to use our new Google accounts with school emails and shared Google drive for documents. This will make it much easier to take minutes in meetings and to share documents.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteers and especially to everyone who has helped in the school garden. A huge amount of work has been done:-clearing the pond area and the border at the back of school, painting the fence and preparing the garden for next year.

Helen Wilkinson
Chair of Governors