



# Governor Update Spring 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first Governor Update, a termly letter that aims to raise awareness of who we are, what we do and the school priorities in the current academic year and beyond. It has been issued electronically, so as not to be an additional cost burden on the school. If however you would like a hard copy, please see Mrs Grant who will be able to help or a reference copy is available to read in the Newsletter yellow file in the entrance lobby.

Did you know we have a governor webpage on the school website which provides an overview of our role and how we have organised ourselves? Our Full Governing Body (FGB) has 12 members, 4 of whom are elected parent governors. We would encourage you to take a look to familiarise yourselves with the current board and our photos are also on display by in the foyer. <https://www.ashton.worcs.sch.uk/our-school-2/the-team/governors/>. When we are in school on 'official business', we are required to sign in and wear a governor visitor badge.

Through our School Improvement & Data (SID) Committee we assess the school against an agreed School Development Plan (SDP). This is a detailed document with specific objectives, timescales and accountabilities on. It is reviewed in depth by the staff regularly and updated depending on the outcomes achieved to date and any emerging needs. A governor is assigned to each key area for monitoring purposes:

- Leadership & Management – Dan Hughes
- Teaching & Learning - Fiona Smith
- Personal Development, Behaviour & Welfare – Nihan Gijssel
- Assessment – Lennox Gregorowski

To date at least one governor visit has been conducted in relation to each area above and a written report provided to the FGB. May we take this opportunity to commend Mrs Peacey and all the staff for the progress already made? Please speak to the head teacher if you are interested in receiving a 'parent friendly' version of the SDP or would like to know more.



Finally we were delighted to hear the school had received the School Games Silver Award. This is further confirmation of the importance placed on health and wellbeing and the range of opportunities built into the curriculum and extended by entering tournaments or offered after school. Our enthusiasm for participation in P. E. has always been evident, however due to the introduction of the government Sports Grant we have been able to improve our playground, equipment and provide training & professional development for the staff. This impacts not only the teaching & learning but how much more the children can enjoy their break times & clubs. All schools must report on their website about the use of Sports Premium Funding. Governors ensure best value and long term impact of spending by scrutiny at the Finance & Premise Committee. <http://www.ashton.worcs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/PE-and-Sports-Premium-Website-2015-16-1.pdf>. Mrs Peacey is working with staff, children and the PFA on building some exciting ideas into our budget from April 17.

We hope you have found this informative and look forward to updating you next term. If you wish to give any feedback, please do so via the office in person or by email to [office@ashton.worcs.uk](mailto:office@ashton.worcs.uk)

Best Regards  
Debra Lincoln, Chair of Governors