



The Avenue Infant School
GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER
2021—2022

July 2022

Welcome to our last Governing Body newsletter of 2021—2022, the purpose of which is to keep parents/carers informed regarding the activities of the school's Governing Body. It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of this academic year already!

A highlight of the year has been seeing the children return to 'normal' activities and both parents/carers, families and governors being able to be part of school life once again. Being able to come into school for Celebration of Learnings, Sports Day assemblies,



the community Family Fun morning and much more have been well attended and the feedback has been great.

Personally I have enjoyed reading a story to a group of children in our fantastic new library and going with Year 2 to Hunstanton.



Oh we do like to be beside the sea!

We have said goodbye to two governors recently, Mr K Hoque and Mr P Patel, we would like to thank them both for their contributions to the governing body and school over their term of office.

Finally, on behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to say a massive thank you to all our staff for all their hard work over the last year and we wish you all a happy and safe summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Stewart Miller, Chair of Governors

How do I contact a Governor?

All governors are contactable through the school office. You can either leave a message for them or email the school who will pass it on to the relevant governor or governors. For more information please visit the school website governor section.



INTRODUCING.... Bob Ballard Co-opted Governor

Since 2017 I have been a governor at The Avenue Infant School,, firstly as a parent governor and now co-opted by the board. I was elected as my youngest was in year two and gave me the opportunity to see in detail how the school is run and the staggering level of commitment and dedication by all of the staff.

What I knew of the school as a parent was a fraction of the work that goes into this Ofsted Good rated school.

I bring to the board knowledge of the IT industry that I have worked in my entire adult life and a little business experience from running my own small company.

WHAT DO GOVERNORS DO?

The Full Governing Body and three committees over the last year have been involved in monitoring and discussing a range of issues; some of which included:

- ♦ Pupil attainment & progress
- ♦ Safeguarding
- ♦ School Improvement Plan for 2021-2022 with termly evaluations
- ♦ Pupil Premium Strategy
- ♦ Budget Monitoring and budget setting
- ♦ Health & Safety and premises
- ♦ Staffing
- ♦ PE and Sports Funding
- ♦ Pupil attendance
- ♦ Mental Health & Wellbeing of pupils & staff

Other activities undertaken by our governors include completing skills audits, attending training, monitoring visits in schools, meeting with teachers, reading to classes and assisting with year and school trips.