



The Avenue Infant School
GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER
2021—2022

7th January 2022

Happy New Year to you all,

I hope you all have had a lovely time with your family and friends and are looking forward to an exciting and busy 2022. The last term saw the return of some normal activities such as visitors in school, extra curricular clubs and singing assemblies and our reception children settling in to enjoy and experience belonging to a happy, safe and full school life with us at The Avenue.

During the last term some governor visits in school took place for the first time since the pandemic began, it was so lovely to hear and see the children enjoying lessons and their playtimes. As a governing body we particularly enjoyed helping the children walk safely to the theatre and seeing them watching the pantomime. Oh yes we did!

Another highlight of last term was the school's Christmas Celebration taking place at the United Reformed Church and seeing so many of you supporting this fabulous event.

Well done to everyone who organised this to go ahead and for all your efforts in following the guidelines to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We currently have a Co-opted Governor vacancy on the Governing body, for more information on becoming a governor or finding out more about the governors at The Avenue please visit the school website.

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Stewart Miller, Chair of Governors

WHO ARE THE GOVERNORS?

Stewart Miller	Chair of Governors
Emma Russell	Vice Chair of Governors
Helen Morrall	Head teacher
Allison Munns	Co-opted Governor
Kozzy Hoque	Co-opted Governor
Jamie Pell	Staff Governor
Bob Ballard	Co-opted Governor
Alex Young	Parent Governor
Laura Pereira	Parent Governor
Pinkesh Patel	Parent Governor
Vacancy	Co-opted Governor



Anita Neil visited in November, sharing with us her Olympic story and she also shared that she used to attend The Avenue.

INTRODUCING.... Allison Munns, Co-opted Governor

I have been a governor at The Avenue Infant School since 2008, both of my children attended the school which is when I first became involved in FOTAS and volunteering in school which led to being employed to work in the school office. I have seen many changes not only within the school, from staffing to updating and changing many areas of the school premises but to many changes locally and nationally regarding education, funding and compliance. The role of governors has remained consistent throughout my time, providing support and challenge to help improve the school and overseeing the schools budget.

Being a governor has provided me with a greater understanding of teaching and learning, the challenges that are faced and the monitoring of pupil progress and attainment. This insight has helped me in my role as School Business Manager when preparing the annual school budget and planning future developments to the school premises. Being a governor is a commitment and a responsibility but provides you the chance to see first hand the impact you can make in improving the education for every child in our school.

Hopefully 2022 will see more of the normal activities resume in school and governors can come into school more regularly and be able to take part in the school community. It is a privilege to be able to experience hearing and seeing the children enjoying their school life everyday and it makes me proud to a part of The Avenue Infant School community.

How do I contact a Governor?

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