

Governor News: December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of the Autumn Term approaches, with so much happening in school in this festive season we just wanted to the opportunity to share some news and developments from the school's governing body.

A change of Chair!

After six years as Chair of Governors at Witton Church Walk, Sarah Merison's term of office has come to an end and we are delighted to let you know that in the Autumn Term Full Governing Body meeting, Mr Graham Sheen was been elected to take on this role. Many parents will have met Graham in school, he is a Foundation Governor who has been a very valued member of our Governing Body for a number of years.

Sarah was a parent governor until October, but with her children now both in secondary education she was no longer eligible to be considered for the position of parent governor here at Witton Church Walk, instead Sarah has been appointed as an Associate Member of our Governing Body. She will continue to work to support the governing body, helping to ensure a smooth transition as our new Chair Graham takes over this responsibility. as well as continuing to work with Gardening Gang and the Eco-committee.

Welcome to our new parent governor, Mr Williams.

Governors were delighted to welcome Mr Edd Williams to his first Full Governor's Meeting in November. For further information about Mr Williams please see the 'Meet the Governors' section on the school website.

Thank you to Mrs Harris

Mrs Tina Harris has supported our school as a Foundation Governor for 6 years but felt that the time was right to step back from this role. Both Mrs Merison and Mrs Magiera thanked Mrs Harris for her contribution to our school's governing body.

We are currently working on recruiting a new foundation governor so that our Governing Body has a full complement of members.

If you require any further information on any aspect of our school's Governing Body please contact our new Chair of Governors, Graham, either through the school office or via e-mail – chair@wittonwalk.cheshire.sch.uk.

Eliminating Bullying: Thank you for your feedback.

Many parents and carers completed the short questionnaire about bullying that was handed out at parents evening in October. Approximately 100 questionnaires were handed out and 48 were returned, the results of the questionnaire were analysed by governors and discussed at the Full Governing Body meeting in November. The main findings were:

- A large majority of respondents (approx 60%) said they or their family had been affected by bullying during their lifetime, with verbal bullying being the most common form experienced.
- 92% of parents/carers responded that they were quite confident or very confident that our school would listen if they or their child had concerns about bullying and the same number said they would approach a member of staff if they were worried their child was being bullied.

Governors and staff were pleased that the results indicated that parents and carers felt confident that our school would deal effectively with any concerns that might be raised. The schools anti-bullying policy details how we work to prevent bullying, this is available to read on the school's website, further information about bullying is detailed below.

Is it Bullying?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's

RUDE

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's

MEAN

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it on more than 1 occasion* - even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset, that's

BULLYING

The Governing Body would like to wish all our families a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous new year.

