



Governors' Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back, and a warm welcome to those who have joined Whinfield this year!

Governing Body:

The Governing Body are excited to start the new school year and we'd like to introduce our new Chair, Claire Thorns. Claire became a Parent Governor in 2020, progressing to Vice Chair and then Chair in the last year. As a Parent Governor, she is committed to working with the Governing Body to have an impact on our children's learning and to challenging and holding the Leadership Team to account. As the year progresses, we'll introduce each member of the Governing Body through the newsletter and Facebook.

OFSTED:

Let's start by celebrating our successes! It was wonderful to hear that Whinfield has successfully maintained its Ofsted Good judgement. Members of the Governing Body were involved in the inspection and attended the feedback session. It was very reassuring to hear the positive feedback, which we credit to your children and all staff and we'd like to extend our thanks to you all.

Educational Visits:

Last year also saw the return of educational visits for the children. Governors were lucky enough to support the School with visits and to witness first hand just how well behaved, respectful, but most importantly, inquisitive the students are! We're always looking for parents to support educational visits, if you would like to volunteer, please contact the office. Under Safer Recruitment procedures, office staff will complete the necessary checks to become a volunteer.

Governor Visibility:

As we enter the new academic year, Governors will be more visible around the School. This will be in the form of a new Governors Board as you enter the School, but you will also see us attending regular Governing Body meetings in School, conducting "learning walks", we will be present at upcoming parents evenings and generally in and around School. If you do see us, please come and say hello!

Autumn Term:

In addition to our half termly Full Governing Body Meetings, this half term the finance committee will also be meeting to monitor the budget and spending projections and the Curriculum committee will meet with selected subject leads to review plans for this academic year. As the Governing Body has changed throughout last year, we will be reviewing committee membership at our first meeting of the school year, so if you are thinking of becoming a governor now is a good time to join us!

Become a Governor?:

Lastly, we're pleased to let you know we are looking for Parent Governors to join the Governing Body. By becoming a parent governor, you can have an influence on all of our children's learning and on the journey Whinfield is taking. You will work together with a team of dedicated, friendly governors to have an impact on the experience of all children in school and will make a contribution to the life of Whinfield Primary School. If you are interested, please contact the School Office who will put you in contact with Claire or Charlotte, Vice Chair of Governors.

