



Stoke by Nayland Governor's Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to what we hope will become a termly newsletter from the governors. Through this newsletter we plan to give you an idea of who we are, what we do and share with you some of the great things that are happening in our school. Our governing body is made up of a mix of experienced and new governors. We are united in our commitment to providing an excellent education for all of our children at Stoke by Nayland.

MEET THE GOVERNORS



Mr Peter Busfield
Chair

Mrs Vivienne Klimowicz
Vice Chair

Mr Peter Drew
Community Governor

Sir Brian Langstaff
Associate Governor



Mrs Jane Le Grice
Headteacher

Mrs Kelly McGrath-Wells
Staff Governor

Ms Mary Ann Villar
Parent Governor

Mr Joe Walker
Parent Governor



Mrs Jane Wilson
Foundation Governor

Rev Mark Woodrow
Foundation Governor

What is a Foundation Governor?

Foundation governors in Church schools are appointed by the Church. They make an important contribution by looking after the school's Christian character. Jane Wilson comes to school every Thursday to work with children as part of their Personal, Health and Social Education (PHSE). Revd Mark provides spiritual and moral support for the students and staff; he is the link between the church, the school and the wider community.

What do governors do?

The work of a governing body has many components:

Strategic role: The governors set the vision, values and ethos of the school. In collaboration with the Headteacher, governors generate a School Development Plan which outlines the school's plan for improvement. This plan includes measures to be put in place to raise standards and achieve better outcomes for pupils.

Support and Challenge: Governors serve as the school's 'critical friend.' We monitor progress against the School Development Plan and evaluate whether targets have been achieved. Governors frequently visit the school to carry out monitoring visits looking at specific areas such as safeguarding, modern foreign language provision, pupil progress or special needs. The governing body must take responsibility for the school's wellbeing and effectiveness. At the same time it must ask challenging questions.

Out and about: Committee Work



Peter Busfield and Jane Wilson conducting the health and safety walk-around in March

Each governor serves on at least one committee. Our committees include: Finance, Curriculum and Personnel. In this newsletter we highlight the work of the Premises and Health & Safety Committee. This committee meets each term and conducts a check of the premises to confirm everything is safe and in good order. The committee identifies issues that need resolving, ranging from building projects to trees that need chopping down, and of course confirmation that effective emergency procedures are in place. If parents have any concerns or suggestions for the improvement of the premises please raise them with the office in the first instance.

Governor Profile: Vivienne Klimowicz

Many of you will know Vivienne and have seen her in school. She has been a governor at the school since her son was a pupil - and he is now thirty eight! Before that she was also Clerk to the Governors. As an active member of the Stoke by Nayland community she has ensured that the interests of the youngsters of the Parish have been catered for by being part of teams that have provided play facilities on the Recreation Ground and various youth activities over the years. She has had a working life in education and now regularly reports to the Parish Council as the Primary School representative.



Her current governor responsibilities include serving as Chair of the Personnel Committee, data monitoring and science monitoring. She is also Vice Chair of the Governing Body.

