



What does a Governing Body do?

The Governing Body sets the school's vision and strategic objectives alongside the Headteacher, agreeing plans and policies, and making decisions on how to make best use of the school's budget and resources.

We appoint the Head Teacher to whom we delegate responsibility for the implementation of policy, day-to-day management and operation of the school, and delivery of the curriculum. We also assist the Head Teacher to appoint other staff.

We strive to provide an ever-improving standard of education for our children and an ever-improving standard in the school's overall performance.

Welcome to the first edition of the Hugglescote Community Primary School Governors' Newsletter.

We plan to produce regular updates which will give more understanding of our role as Governors, an update on the Governing Body meetings, and in each edition we plan to introduce in some more detail a different member of the Governing Body. In this edition, you can find out more about Rachel Wharrad, our Chair of Governors.

What did we focus on last term?

- Review of New Building Development
- Health & Safety Tour
- School Governor visits
- Policy reviews
- Website review
- Succession Planning

What are the upcoming issues?

- Travel plan
- Revenue creation
- Review of pupil progress statistics
- Performance Management – Headteachers appraisal

How do we make decisions?

The Governing Body delegates some of its functions to individual committees. This enables a smaller more strategic group of governors to discuss in further detail specific matters which have been delegated to them by the full Governing Body.

Hugglescote School Governing Body has elected to have the following committees:

- Curriculum & Standards
- Resources
- Pay

Each Governor sits on at least one committee.

We have been discussing ways of increasing revenue for the school and also making maximum use of the facilities on offer. If you, or anyone you know would be interested in hiring out the use of the hall in order to run a club, meeting or activity outside of school hours, then please contact the school office to provide details, and a member of school staff will be in touch to discuss possible opportunities and the costs involved.

What are the aims of Hugglescote School Governors?

It is our aim to make the school the very best it can be and to challenge the Head Teacher to ensure he and his team lay the foundations for children to develop into happy, secure and confident young people well equipped to exceed their potential. We want the highest quality of education for your children.



Meet the Governors.....Rachel Wharrad

Becoming a Governor

I have been a school governor for 12 years – 3 years at a school in Staffordshire and 9 years at Hugglescote. During these last 9 years, I held the role of Vice Chair of Governors for 2 years and have been Chair of Governors for the last 6 years.

I became a Governor as I wanted to be involved in the local community and I also wanted to be actively involved in the school that I was entrusting with my children. All of my 3 children have attended Hugglescote School, meaning it has become a big part of all of our lives. My youngest daughter has just started in year 6.

My take on being a Governor

Another reason why I became a Governor was because I see education as fundamental and I recognise its importance in every child's life. I wanted to help make sure that every child has a positive experience at the school and has the opportunity to learn, grow and achieve their full potential.

Being a Governor does involve commitment and time but it is also very rewarding. I particularly enjoy spending time with the children and chatting about the work they produce. I also enjoy seeing them in their school plays and being able to join them where possible on school trips, etc.

Being part of the Governing Body gives me the opportunity to work as part of a dedicated and committed team of like minded people who strive to improve the learning opportunities and outcomes for all of our children.

The biggest challenge for me as the Chair of Governors is having enough time to spend in the school. This is the most rewarding part of the role and I would like to spend more of my time speaking to the children and staff.

Outside of school and governing

I spend a lot of my spare time in the outdoors and I really love the outdoor learning space we have available at Hugglescote. The opportunity the children have to learn through our Forest School environment and programme is amazing.

Feedback

We would appreciate any feedback you have on this newsletter to ensure we are providing information that you find of interest and relevance.

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Governor Visits

Governors visit the school regularly in order to:

- See the school at work and observe behaviour and achievements
- Gain insight to assist with policy making and decision making
- Evaluate resources and discuss with staff further requirements
- Give active support to the activities of the school
- Undertake work and feedback scrutiny



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