



Filey Junior School

**Widening horizons and reaching our potential whilst respecting the world and each other,
within a happy, healthy and positive learning community**

Governor Newsletter September 2018

We hope that you enjoyed reading our previous Governor Newsletter and that you find the information informative and useful. For those parents and children joining us, we would like to say a big welcome and invite you to get in touch with one of the members of the Governing Body if you have anything you would like to discuss or bring to our attention. There is currently one vacancy on the Governing Body, this is for a Co-opted Governor role.

Our first meeting of the school year was held on Tuesday 18th September 2018 and the following points were discussed:

- The new build was discussed and Governors conducted a site visit. It was noted that progress on the new classrooms was quite rapid and it is hoped that the January 2019 hand-over should be realised. One of the Governors, Mrs Drayton, had visited the site to perform a Health and Safety inspection whilst the school was in operation. Feedback was very positive.
- Each year the school looks at the Key Priorities for Development as part of a School Improvement Plan. This year we will focus on the following areas:
 - Raising standards in Literacy and Numeracy with a particular focus on the number of children achieving at 'Greater Depth'.
 - Ensuring continuity in approaches to teaching and learning, particularly around reading.
 - Developing assessment procedures, particularly for children on the register of Special Educational Needs.
 - Promoting parental engagement and participation in school.
 - Developing the outdoor space around school following the removal of the mobile classroom.
- All Governors received Child Protection Training from the school's Safeguarding Officer. This ensured that members of the Governing Body are well-informed about Child Protection and the school's processes for dealing with any allegations or concerns. If you would like any further details regarding Child Protection in school, or if you have a concern which you would like to raise, please contact the school or one of the members of the Governing Body.
- Governors reviewed the policies relating to safeguarding and child protection.
- Mrs Joyce Clibbens informed the Governing Body that she would be stepping down from her post at the end of the academic year. Succession planning was discussed and it was agreed that the Governing Body should try to find interested parties to join the Governing Body before vacancies became available. In a discussion following the meeting, it was suggested that an open evening and informal chat between governors and parents would be a good way to establish interest in becoming a governor: look out for more details soon.

Our Governing Body currently consists of the following members: Harvey McCarthy (Headteacher), Rachel Jenkinson (Chair), Geoffrey Proudlock (Vice-Chair), Richard Charnock (Staff), Helen Hunter, Joyce Clibbens, Samantha Drayton, Stacey Lewins, Pam Roberts, Julie McCarthy (Associate Member), Emma Butler (Associate Member), Ian Grice (Associate Member), Helen Evans (Clerk).