



SHEERHATCH GOVERNOR NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow we finally made it! As a parent I know how much of a challenge it has been home-schooling during the last term and I would like to thank you all for your efforts to support the children's schooling however much you have managed to do alongside other commitments, we have all done our best.

GOVERNANCE

We would like to pass on our thanks to the amazing staff at Sheerhatch who have kept the school open throughout lockdown, in some cases including holidays, for the most vulnerable children and those of Key Workers. This of course alongside producing the home learning packs.

I am particularly proud of the work gone into the Risk Assessment on opening the school to the younger pupils and year 6. With the ever-changing guidance from the Government we were in the position to open on schedule despite additional requirements from Local Government at the last minute. I believe this shows the level of detail and consideration taken into the assessment by Miss Ryan, Mrs Buisson, Mrs Davy and Mrs Bourne with support from myself and the Governing Board.

The Board have continued to meet virtually throughout lockdown to support and challenge the school. In addition to the risk assessment we have scrutinised the budget and continue to research and apply for grant funding to further develop our school space (wish us luck).

We have also of course discussed the impact of Covid-19 on pupils, the curriculum and wellbeing how we will face the new challenges going forward to September.

Sadly we are saying goodbye to some valued members of staff, we would like to take the opportunity to pass on our thanks for all their amazing work and wish them well and hope they come back and visit us.

WELLBEING

As we have mentioned before, Wellbeing is high on the agenda for governors, and this is even more important while we are facing these challenges with COVID.

If you would like more information on what we are doing as a school, I am pleased to say we have a new Wellbeing Tab on the website:

<https://sheerhatchprimary.org.uk/info/mental-health-wellbeing/>

Please take a look.

Chainie Worrall is our Link Governor Safeguarding, Mental Health and Wellbeing

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

On our return in September, we will be holding an election for a Parent Governor post. This is open to any parent or carer with a child in the school.

You do not need to have specific knowledge on education, the most important skills are being able to act in the best interests of all the pupils of the school, be professional, including acting in strict confidence and importantly able to give your time to contribute. There is plenty of training available and you will be given the opportunity to get to know the school, including visiting.

If you would like more information, would like to nominate yourself, or another parent or carer, I would be happy to have a chat over the summer

Earlier this year we shared with you the plans for a nature/ nurture wellbeing outdoor garden space at the rear of Cople site. We successfully applied to our local counsellors Stephen Moon and Phillipa Martin-Moran-Bryant for a small grant from the Ward Members Fund and we are happy to say that the fencing and clearing the land is now happening with the money received.

I wish you all a well-deserved summer break and we are all very much looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

Your Governing Board

The role of the school governor is demanding but very rewarding and is a good way to give back to your local community. The governors are volunteers and give up their skills, experience and time for free in order to help and support our school.

Chair	Siobhan Godden	Co-opted Governor	<i>Link Governor for Health & Safety; HT Performance management Sits on Resources Committee</i>
Vice Chair	Martina Foster	Parent Governor	<i>Creative Curriculum Lead Sits on Curriculum Committee</i>
	Helen Ryan	Head Teacher	
	Stacie Bourne	Staff Governor	<i>Link Governor for Governor Training Sits on Resources Committee</i>
	Joyce Tucker	Parent Governor	<i>Link Governor for SEN; HT Performance management Chair of Resources Committee</i>
	Paul Emery	Co-opted Governor	<i>Sits on Resources Committee</i>
	Anne Jones	Co-opted Governor	<i>Link Governor for EYFS; HT Performance management Sits on Curriculum Committee</i>
	Mary Whitehead	Co-opted Governor	<i>Link Governor Pupil Premium; Asst SEN Sits on Curriculum Committee</i>
	Chainie Worrall	Co-opted Governor	<i>Link Governor Safeguarding, Mental Health and Wellbeing. Sits on Resources Committee</i>
	Joanne McDowell	Co-Opted Governor	<i>Chair of Curriculum Committee Link Governor for Equality</i>
Clerk	Helen Endersby-Wood		

If there is any information you would like to know about the Governors and the work we are doing, please get in touch.



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Chair of Governors

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