



SHEERHATCH GOVERNOR NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope many of you took the opportunity to have a chat with some of our Governing Board who gave their time to attend the Parent's evenings and see some of the exciting projects we are currently working on.

OUTSIDE LEARNING

For those that didn't see the planned vision for the outside space on the Cople site, please find a copy of the plans on the next page. This area will provide an outstanding outdoor learning environment for nature and nurture. It will also provide opportunities for community engagement. We have already received advice and guidance from local community members in the design, including local horticulturalists to Beekeepers and would welcome any further input or hands-on help!

The children themselves are keen to re-establish the pond. Once the area is made safe and to a standard, we hope the children will enjoy and learn from taking the responsibility for its upkeep.

Governors and volunteers have been working hard to raise the funds for this. I am pleased to say we have successfully managed to secure some ward funding and we were successful in a bid for the Healthy Pupil Capital Fund, money raised by the Soft Drinks Industry Levy. This project is a prime example of how we have improved facilities for physical activity. We have some way to go for such an ambitious project so are actively working towards others. If you or your employer are aware of other fund-raising opportunities no matter how big or small, we are always on the lookout. Perhaps a local company may wish to donate a bench or plant box?

We are keen that all pupils will benefit from this outside space, with pupils currently on the Willington Site being transported over, and of course when they progress through the school. However, it is worth noting that Governors are also investigating ways in which we can make the Willington site a 'greener' area for our younger pupils.

MUGA

We are pleased that the Multi Use Games Area is being well utilised, both during school activities, play time and after school clubs. It has also provided the opportunity for some of our pupils to work towards Sports Leadership which is a fantastic opportunity.

The Governing Board would like to extend a special thanks to FOSH for their contribution towards two pieces of equipment with a generous donation of £1,700.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming FOSH events, your fund raising makes a real impact to our school!

With our new attractive facilities, we have updated our lettings policy so the school hall and MUGA are available for hire. This is not only valuable income for the school, but an excellent opportunity for the local community to utilise the space. Keep us in mind if you have any future parties planned!

WELLBEING

As we have mentioned before, Wellbeing is high on the agenda for governors. 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.

Our Governor Lead is Chainie Worrall

SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who completed our Parent Survey last year. It gives us valuable information on what you find important, what is going well and what we need to do more of.

We plan to run these annually so a new one will be coming out soon. As always, we highly value the engagement we receive.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

In a few weeks we will be holding an election for a Parent Governor post.

If you would like more information, would like to nominate yourself or another parent or carer with a child registered at the school I would be happy to have a chat.

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