



Governor News

Summer 2019

New Co-Chairs announced

Catherine Bradley and Holly Lomasney are excited to be taking on Chair of Governors as a shared role from this summer.

Catherine is in her 3rd year as a Parent Governor at Stanford Infants and has two boys at the school. She is a secondary school English Teacher and is Vice Principal at Portslade Aldridge Community Academy. Catherine has particular interests in high quality teaching and learning as well student outcomes and the achievement of disadvantaged pupils. Catherine has been particularly impressed with the staff's commitment to training and adapting their practice.

"I am really looking forward to taking a more leading role in supporting and challenging the school to continued levels of excellence." Says Catherine.

Holly, is a co-opted Governor at the Infants and will be going into her 4th year in September. Holly has 2 girls at the school. Holly has played an instrumental role as a Governor supporting Early years and Outcomes for Pupils in particular. Holly welcome's this new challenge and is looking forward to stepping up in the new role alongside Catherine.



Catherine Bradley and Holly Lomasney

Thank you to Damian Fisher...

We take this opportunity to thank Damian Fisher for his dedicated and long-standing 4 year's as Chair of Governors at Stanford Infants. Damian will be attending the FGB in September and help the new chairs with the transition.



It's a farewell from Wil...



"Farewell Stanford Infant School! After 6 wonderful years on the board, it is time for me to hang up my Governor badge and make space for new members. It has been a huge privilege to be so closely involved with so many areas of school life. During my time I have undertaken Learning Walks, interviewed prospective staff members, sampled school dinners, served drinks from the Governors' Arms and even been made an honorary Eco-Warrior. I have attended countless meetings, undertaken all sorts of training, and challenged and supported the school in ways I would never have expected. I have overseen the school budget, unpicked pupil performance data, given the head teacher her appraisal and even fought for our rights to get our side entrance reopened.

But by far my favourite Governor activity has always been visiting the school to talk to the children. They are the most inspiring, joyful and fascinating people and are the main reason why we all give up our time and energy to be Governors in the first place. I will miss them immensely. It feels strange to think now that I nearly didn't apply to be a Governor, unsure whether I had anything to offer, but I am so glad I did. If you think this sounds interesting and have an itch for a new challenge, perhaps you should too."

Wil Mackintosh (outgoing Vice-Chair)

Natasha Cruse and Kirsti Cox are also regrettably leaving the Governors as of September this year. Both members wish they could continue after 3 years on the Committee, but work commitments and demands have led to their resignations. They both thoroughly enjoyed their time as Parent Governors.



Safeguarding Update from Tess Gill

Taking care of the children in the school and ensuring that they are safe and happy is a very important job and Ms Remnant as our Designated Safeguarding Lead has the big responsibility of making sure that all staff, pupils and visitors to the school know exactly how to do this. On Friday 12 July I was lucky enough to come in and look at the Safeguarding Audit document which lists all of the different ways that this is done, from ensuring that everyone who comes into the school knows about the policy and what to do if they have concerns, to recording incidents, to the details of contracts with anyone who uses the premises to ensure that they follow our rules. This review takes place every year and helps us see what the school do well (which is a lot!) and whether we can do anything better. I feel that I learnt a lot about the school and was really pleased to be able to take part in this important process.



Lucy Kane Appointed

We are extremely excited to welcome Lucy Kane as a co-opted Governor who attended her first meeting last week.

Many of you will recognise Lucy from chairing the PTFA for a number of years who has contributed so much for our school and the children. We are thrilled that Lucy wants to continue supporting the school and hope she enjoys being a Stanford Infant Governor.

If you would also like to join our Governing Body, we will be holding a Parent Governor election in September.

We wish you all a wonderful summer!
Please do email our clerk, Anna Johnson,
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if you have any questions or would like to learn
more about being a Governor.