

Governors' Newsletter

"I am able to do all things by the one who strengthens me" - Philippians 4:13



↑ Junior Festive Afternoon

Hello,

It has been a while since I last shared a newsletter with you all. I planned to do it once the pandemic was over and normality had returned, but here we are, and so I decided there was no better time.

We have recently said goodbye to some governors who have been with us a number of years and dedicated many, many hours to our school, and we are very grateful to them. We now welcome some new members to our governing body, the introductions are included within this newsletter.

For new families, I've tried to include a little about what we get up to as a governing body. I've even (reluctantly) included a picture of me as I am acutely aware that many of you won't have seen me around school as often as I would like due to the restrictions over the last two years. I hope in the new year I get to meet many more of you, and as a governing body, we always welcome any feedback you may have.

Best wishes,

Nicola Read (Chair of Governors)



The Governing body meet around 8 times per year. Since May 2020 all our meetings have taken place by Zoom.



Governing bodies are responsible for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of a school and its curriculum.



Nicola has been a Governor at Sale & Davys for eight years and Chair of Governors for five years.

A warm welcome to our new governors



Bruce

"I am a foundation Governor and a member of the Ministry team at St Wilfrids, and see my role as acting as a bridge between the Church and Sale & Davy school.

I have a life-long interest in sport, music, art, and RE, and would like to use that experience to assist the school in any way I can."

"I wanted to be a Parent Governor to hold an active involvement in my sons education but also to be able to say that in some way, I may have a positive impact on the future of an already fabulous school. I always like to help where I can, and I feel this is another great platform to be able to do that."



Georgia



Lee

"I'm a husband and father of two, we have lived in the local community since moving to Barrow in 2013. I have been in the education profession for 15 years working in a number of secondary schools with a variety of teaching and leadership roles. It is great opportunity to take on the responsibility supporting Sale and Davys as part of the governing body, ensuring the best possible outcomes for our young people throughout their primary education."

"I am a strong believer of good education and we are all so fortunate that our children attend an outstanding school. Two of my children are at the school and I wanted to utilise my skills to help the school remain an outstanding school and to help to provide our children with the best possible start in life. I am therefore fortunate to be able to volunteer my time to help where I can and carry on with the brilliant work that the current and past governors have been undertaking for all these years."

Nermina



THE LAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS

Throughout the last eighteen months I have been completely in awe of our school team and what they have achieved to ensure our children had as 'normal' a school life as possible during a worldwide pandemic. They achieved so much and I am grateful that they have once again managed to keep as many of our school traditions in place this Christmas as they could. What a wonderful feeling it was to be able to be back in school seeing the children perform during their nativity and festive afternoons, and what a thrill for them to have a live audience.

This term we also managed to welcome in prospective families for a tour, as well as Reception parents, who hadn't been able to visit school up until then due to open days being cancelled last year. As a parent myself I know how much it means to be able to visualise where your child is and what they are up to, so it was really quite special for the families to finally get a peek inside. The open day was 'manned' by year 5 and 6 children and they did us proud. They spoke beautifully about school life and answered questions competently and politely, their confidence never ceases to amaze me and they really are a credit to our school.

FURTHER INFORMATION

All the minutes from our Governor meetings can be found on the school website. You can also find on there a table which details any Governor sub committees and information on which Governor oversees which areas in school. For example, mine are Personnel, Finance, Staff Discipline, Performance management, Pay, Pupil Discipline, Targets, Pupil Premium and English.



I would just like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the whole governing body, to thank our staff team for the way they have pulled together and worked through the most difficult of times, you have done an amazing job, thank you.

I would also like to thank the PTA, who have had an incredible start to their fundraising activities this academic year, and I know from personal experience, they have worked so, so hard to pull off the recent fantastic events. Every single penny raised by our PTA goes directly to the school to benefit the children so we truly appreciate all they do.

Finally, a huge thank you to you, our families for your ongoing support. We know we are fortunate that whenever we ask for something, whether it's costumes for the nativity, a raffle prize donation or some sponsorship for an event you always do all you can to support our school, it is very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful 2022.