

GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to school

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

Firstly, we would like to congratulate staff, parents and pupils for their hard work and effort throughout this challenging time; from adapting to using a variety of new technology, showing patience with a continual changing environment and maintaining contact with pupils and parents throughout.

As Governors our greatest pleasure is seeing the children happy and content and we have been delighted with their enthusiasm and the ease in which they have returned to school. Attendance has been fantastic this term and as a result children have been able to work hard and engage in all the wonderful learning opportunities. This has truly been a time where the Reculver family have acted out our values of Compassion and Perseverance that are underpinned by the story of the Good Samaritan.

Furthermore, this was demonstrated with the tremendous Harvest Donations for the Local Food Bank. At a time of uncertainty supporting our local community is more important than ever and we offer our gratitude and pride to our pupils, staff and parents for their continued support and hard work.

We hope that this newsletter explains a little more about Governors and their role in school and after a busy term of adjusting back to school we would like to wish everyone a wonderful half term break.

The Reculver School Governors

2020/21 Priorities

Initially the priority for this year is recovery after the disruption caused by the closure of schools

- ❖ Identifying next steps for all pupils
- ❖ Prompt, targeted interventions after careful and ongoing assessments- thank you to those parents already supporting this
- ❖ Ensuring that policies are adapted in light of the Covid-19 Pandemic
- ❖ Adapting to new ways of working for all
- ❖ Ensuring that parents are supported in home learning opportunities

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What is a school governor?

The Governors at Reculver are volunteers who bring to the role a range of skills and include staff, parents and members of the local community. Governors sign a code of conduct and receive regular training. We work closely with the staff at the school to ensure that the school continues to excel and most importantly that the children are happy and achieving their very best. We meet as a whole group and as 2 committees; one focused on standards and the other on finance.

Governor Activities

- Reviewed and updated policies especially in light of Covid -19
- Assigned governor responsibilities
- Appointed new Governors to the team
- Finance meetings
- Completed Safeguarding and other online training
- Adapting to new ways of working and held several review meetings virtually to discuss pandemic plans and return to school
- Reviewed pupil data for Term 1

Your Governors:

Firstly, we would like to say Goodbye and Good luck to Paul Sinnock whose time in office as our Chair has come to an end and congratulate Sue Davis and Laura Bullen as our new Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

With the above changes we have been able to appoint several new Governors to the team:

- Michael Fisher joins the team bringing his skills from Project Management and Quality Assurance with him
- Secondly, we welcome Robert Johnson, with his background as a Director and Project Manager
- Mick Ware joins as a Staff Governor; taking over from Fran Bishop who we thank for her contributions, particularly to Health and Safety, during her time in office
- Finally, Claire Harrap-Stanley is our new appointed Governor- an experienced educator


Please see below for more information on our school governors:

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- Below is a table showing the individual responsibilities of the Governors. In addition to this they all belong to either the Finance or Standards Committee and we are all responsible for monitoring Risk and Church Distinctiveness. To find out more about us have a look at the Governor section on the school website: <https://www.reculver.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=The+Governing+Body&pid=16>

Sue Davis		Chair of Governors, Chair of Finance Committee, Key Stage 1, Safeguarding
Laura Bullen		Vice Chair, Chair of Standards Committee, Early Years Foundation Stage, Safeguarding, Student Council Link
Lorraine Bondzie-Mensah		Clerk
Mick Ware		Attendance, DT,
Avril Nicholas		Geography, History, SEN, Upper Key Stage 2
Stephen Hulks		PE, Pupil Premium, Sports Premium
Joanne Tames		Gender Gap, equalities, training and development

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Michael Fisher	Awaiting Photo	E Safety, Health and Safety, Website Compliance
Claire Harrap-Stanley		Greater Depth, PSHE
Robert Johnson	Awaiting Photo	Lower Key Stage 2, Science
Rev. Sue Martin		Parental Links, RE, Staff Links As your parental link for the Governors or for Pastoral Support Rev sue can be contacted on 01227360948/ 07495861609

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Road Safety

As with many schools, road safety at drop off and pick up times remains a priority and discussions are frequently had within Governors Meetings and with outside agencies. We have recently had the red and white blocks delivered as a means of ensuring the path outside the school remains a safe footpath so as we can utilise both pedestrian entrances to the school especially during a time where we are trying to maintain social distance. With so many children to get safely on and off site please can we remind parents of the following:

- Do not attempt to park or drop off on the Zig-Zag lines, or in the vehicle entrance to the school. This creates a hazard not only for your own children but also for others as it blocks vision for pedestrians and vehicles alike
- Please do not park between or move the cones which are on the zig zags – they are there to protect the pedestrians on the path
- Please refrain from parking on yellow lines, over driveways, or at crossing points on nearby roads and these cause danger for those parents and children who have parked responsibly and are walking their children to their parked cars,
- Whilst driving to and from the area please be respectful and patient; especially around the Crossing that is patrolled by our fantastic Lollypop-Man. He is there to help our children arrive and leave school safely and not to be on the receiving end of beeping horns or impatient drivers.
- If you do need to drive to school please allow more time and enjoy a short walk to and from school with your children.

