



The Harleston Federation

Harleston Primary Academy and Archbishop Sancroft High School



Local Governing Body

4th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of the governors, I am delighted to welcome Hannah Holgate as the headteacher of Harleston Primary Academy (HPA). As Hannah completes her first week with us, I am sure that the whole school community is looking forward to getting to know her and is excited about the future development of the school and of the Federation. This is certainly true of the governors.

I must say a massive thank you to Mary Foreman who, since her arrival in January, has done so much to revitalise HPA, encouraging and supporting children and staff, and engaging with families and the community whilst dealing with all the issues connected with Covid-19. The governors believe that HPA is in very good place because of Mary's interim leadership.

I would also like to bring you up to date with who is on the governing body, how it is organised and some key roles. The HPA parent governor vacancy has been filled and Suzy Forth now joins the Local Governing Body (LGB), bringing the number of governors to 15, including the two headteachers.

The LGB is – Graham Blake, Heather Brand, Rob Connelly (HT ASHS), Suzy Forth (parent HPA), Nina Green, Hannah Holgate (HT HPA), Richard Kirk, Zoe Moyses, Adrian Simpson (parent ASHS), Lucy Smith (staff ASHS), Stacey Street (staff HPA), Erica Summers, Fiona Wilson and Chris Wilson-Town.

The majority of governors are appointed by St Benet's Trust but nearly all have been governors of either HPA / ASHS or are members of the wider community. There is a vacancy for a Trust governor.

The LGB is supported by Chris Perry-Yates as clerk, by Trust officers, including Richard Cranmer (CEO), and by senior staff from both schools.

The overall role is the LGB is strategic, working within the framework, called the Scheme of Delegation, set by St. Benet's Trust. The full LGB meets twice a term and there are three committees – Ethos and Community chaired by Graham Blake, Resources chaired by Adrian Simpson, and Standards and Curriculum chaired by Heather Brand. These committees meet once a term and can look at what is taking place in the schools in slightly more detail. In addition, Heather, Zoe and Adrian are joint vice-chairs of governors.

At the moment, all meetings take place virtually but we are investigating how governors can become more active in both schools, whilst staying within Covid-19 guidelines, and improve our links with children / students, staff, parents and the Harleston community. My aim is to use letters like this or contributions to school newsletters to keep you informed about the LGB's work, as well as ensuring the Federation website is up to date.

I know that the governors join me in hoping that you will stay well and safe during the current restrictions.

Yours sincerely

Chris Wilson-Town
Chair of the Harleston Federation LGB