

Governors' Newsletter – Autumn/Winter 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

It only seems like yesterday that we were typing the end of Summer newsletter, reflecting on a busy and happy 21/22 academic year. The year saw a thankful return to many of the events that allow our school community to come together. This academic term has been no exception, with a recent school trip to Fishbourne, our annual Bonfire Night extravaganza, the first school open evening and, of course, the annual Nativity performance. The Governing Board (GB) have welcomed two new members to our ranks and have undertaken a range of in-school activities in support of our core role alongside the school staff team.

School Open Evening 23rd November & Survey Results

We hope that you found the recent school open evening a good opportunity to spend time in school to view your children's work and to engage with staff. The GB found it incredibly useful to talk to many of you and hear views about life at WGPS, both verbally and through the follow-up to the initial survey carried out in the Summer term.

It was extremely pleasing that **94%** of respondents felt that **their child was happy and motivated**, with **97%** citing that they felt **their child was safe** and that **good behaviour was a key priority for the school**. There was wide support (**69%**) for the excellent **provision of extra-curricular activities**, however only **56%** of respondents **felt home-learning follow-ups were good or excellent**. Some very useful feedback about the **school website** was received, including a desire for **more information on the curriculum** and **accessible home learning resources**. Many of you expressed **positive views on the class introduction meetings in Autumn 1**, with a common theme that **many parents & carers would like further feedback and engagement** with the school staff **as part of their child's learning journey**.

The GB, alongside the school's Senior Leadership Team (SLT), will review the survey results and align the main thematic findings against the School's Development Plan (SDP). The SDP, set by the SLT with a 3-year time horizon, is the overall framework used to set targets and interim milestones against which school progress can be measured. The survey results allow further useful insight to assess our progress against the SDP and information will be provided on the next steps, in due course.

*Mr Butcher Collier, whilst Chair, is also a Co-Opted Governor



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Governing Board Vacancies – Co-opted Governor

The GB is on the lookout for members of our community that have the willingness to support our school through membership of the GB as a co-opted governor (not a parent governor). Full GB meetings occur once every half term, with the role providing a unique opportunity to learn more about school life, whilst supporting the work of the school staff. The role involves undertaking in-school monitoring, the review of attainment data, engagement across the school staff team amongst other duties. The broadest skillsets are welcome and no experience of the education sector is required. If you want to reach out for an informal conversation, please contact the GB at [this email address](#) – we very much look forward to hearing from you!

Complaints Procedure

It is important that all parents and carers feel that they can voice any concerns directly to the school staff team through open and honest dialogue. However, it is also vitally important that all members of our school community, staff and parents alike, are treated with mutual respect as recently communicated by Mrs Bennett. If there are specific concerns that parents and carers would like to raise, we would like to highlight the school's complaints procedure which is [linked here](#). This is a vital instrument to ensure that complaints are dealt with in a consistent manner. It is also useful to note that the school has an open-door policy and that most issues/questions can usually be resolved quickly with an informal chat.

Wraparound Care

We understand the disappointment that followed the provider's decision to cease wraparound provision at WGPS. For the Autumn term, as highlighted above in the survey results, the school have provided an excellent array of 12 after-school clubs to try and mitigate the impact of this issue. However, we do realise that this remains a significant issue for some families. The SLT and the GB continue to explore ways in which provision can be re-introduced. Any developments will be communicated by the school in the usual manner.

Christmas Break

We hope that the upcoming Christmas break gives you and your children an opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends. The opportunity to be together has been in short supply in recent times and we wish our school community a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Simon Butcher-Collier, Chair of Governors

James Cooke, Vice-Chair of Governors



School Vision Statement

'Striving to be the best we can be'

At Wisborough Green Primary School, we are uncompromising in our aspirations for the children, staff and school community. We foster self-reliance, curiosity and independence so that our children become confident life-long learners. Our children feel happy, safe and valued. We take pride in our talented staff, who work closely with our supportive parents and village community. Our broad and exciting curriculum encourages every child to find and fulfil their potential, both academically and beyond the classroom.

Governor Engagement

The GB will always try to be present at major school events so please feel free to grab any of us for a chat to raise issues or to find out more about being part of the GB.

Changes to the GB

Following her decision to step down, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Victoria Sheasby for over 8 years of dedicated service both as a governor and chair at WGPS. Victoria provided critical leadership of the GB during the pandemic, the recent headteacher recruitment process and being a stellar ambassador for WGPS in our interactions with HDC and WSCC. We wish Victoria well in her future endeavours.