



Lanesend Primary Governor & Volunteer Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of a brand new newsletter designed to highlight the contribution of volunteers here at Lanesend. Alongside the fantastic team of teaching, administration and support staff is a small "army" of people who volunteer their time to enhance the whole learning experience for our Lanesend children. There are loads of opportunities here for families and other volunteers to get involved; there's something to suit everyone's skills and available time. Every contribution is welcomed and every contribution makes a real difference.

Each newsletter will focus on an area of volunteering together with an update from the Governors.

School Governors: The role of the governing board is a strategic one; its key functions are to:

- set the aims and objectives for the school
- set the policies for achieving those aims and objectives
- set the targets for achieving those aims and objectives
- monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achievement of its aims and objectives
- be a source of challenge and support to the head teacher (a critical friend)

<http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor/Be-a-Governor.aspx>

It is important to note that governors do not run the school on a day to day basis; this is the sole responsibility of the Head Teacher and the progression team. Governors, alongside the school and Team Lanesend, develop what the future of the school should be, help develop the plan and then support the Head Teacher in implementing it. There are additional responsibilities related to being a governor in an academy, mostly related to the financial control of the school.

Chair of Governors

Kate Palfrey

Staff Governors

Caroline Sice
Dave Cooper
Andrea Flux

Non Staff Governors

Year Group:

Yr R: Karen Herbert-Duff
Yr 1: Lauren Elliott
Yr 2: Emma Norton
Yr 3: Jo Hunter
Yr 4: Ken Burns
Yr 5: Kate Palfrey
Yr 6: Jez Robinson

Commissioning Groups

Child Centred Group
Teaching & Learning
Finance
Strategy & Marketing



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Here at Lanesend the Governors meet as a full group on a Wednesday evening once every half term. Each Governor belongs to at least one Commissioning Group (see above) which also meets two weeks before every Full Governing Body meeting. These groups enable different areas of the school to be examined in more detail.

Together with the normal duties of the groups, recent activities have included,

- reviewing and updating School Policies,
- looking at different ways to track progress in learning,
- putting together a proposal for an extra-curricular awards system,
- finalising the annual accounts,
- agreeing the next enhancements to the outdoor learning environment,
- deciding on a school debt policy

We are also looking forward to getting the opportunity to demonstrate how good a school Lanesend is when we have our next Ofsted inspection which could be any day! Most of the pressure of this will fall on Caroline and her staff, but an outstanding school needs to have an outstanding governing board and this is what we are aiming to be!

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the team. If you are interested and wish to know more please email chair@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk.

Other Volunteering Opportunities

Mentoring / Reading assistance /
Fundraising / Organising events / After school club help
Teaching specialist skills (such as music or drama)
Sports coaching / School trips

For information on any of the above, or with any other idea to help the school, please come in and see us or email admin@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk

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Becoming a mentor at Lanesend

Lanesend Volunteer Profile: Governor

I have been a Governor at Lanesend Primary School for 6 years. I joined when the school only had 80 pupils and was based in the other building along Love Lane. One year around that time, we only had 4 families pick our school as their first choice primary school. We now have around 50 children choosing us each year. I became Vice Chair a couple of years ago and then Chair of Governors this past September. I have had 3 children pass through the school and have enjoyed every moment of watching them grow, learn and enjoy.

Kate Palfrey – Chair of Governors

For more on Kate and the other Governors please see <http://www.lanesendprimary.co.uk/governors.aspx>