

# Greensand Federation Governing Body



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Dear Parents/Guardians

On behalf of the governors I would like to welcome everyone to the new academic year. I hope that, in these unprecedented times, you and your families keep well and enjoy being in school.

For anyone new to the school, my name is Ian Smith and I am in my third year as the Chair of Governors.

Governors have continued to meet Miss Hayward throughout lockdown and have been kept abreast of all the developments. We are proud to say her team have done an amazing job in keeping up to date with all the requirements to keep the school open last year, prepare for this new year and constantly keep everything under review.

Currently with social distancing it is difficult to predict and plan for opportunities when governors can be within the school, however, it is our aim to meet as many parents as possible over the year.

You may wonder what a governing body does; well here are three main functions:

1. We set the school's overall strategic framework, including its vision, strategic priorities, culture, values and ethos
2. We hold the Executive Principal and Senior Leadership Team to account for the educational performance of both schools, our children/young people and for the performance management of the staff
3. We oversee the financial and organisational performance of both schools and make sure money is well spent

In order to contribute effectively, all governors are expected to:

- Be committed to upholding the values and ethos of the school
- Attend and contribute to meetings of the Governing Body
- To visit the school throughout the year in line with the visits schedule linked to driving forward improvements
- Analyse information, make observations and be proactive in seeking ways in which the schools could further enhance outcomes for all children/young people
- Engage in constructive discussions that will involve questioning and challenging points of view.
- Review and agree policies and guidance, ensuring that the schools are working effectively within legal frameworks

So why do people do it? This is a question often asked; here are a few of the reasons:

- No single governor is expected to know everything about education and in relation to schools, the law, finance and strategic planning – they are part of a corporate body who have the combined experience, knowledge, skills and commitment to work together to meet these demands effectively
- It is a great opportunity to give something back and to take an active role in shaping the future and bettering the outcomes for all the children/young adults within the schools and within the wider school community
- Governors are privileged to be able to see at first hand the impact of the hard work that they put into the strategic planning of the school

There are currently vacancies in our Governing Body; if you think you could work as part of this team in this exciting school, please contact myself ([chairofgovernors@sandysecondaryschool.com](mailto:chairofgovernors@sandysecondaryschool.com)) or Lorraine Norman ([clerk@sandysecondaryschool.com](mailto:clerk@sandysecondaryschool.com))

Yours faithfully



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