

Welcome

Welcome to our first Governing Newsletter! The purpose of our newsletters is to keep you all informed about the activities the Local Governing Board (LGB) at Penshurst is undertaking. This newsletter outlines the role of the LGB, the monitoring activities we will be undertaking during 2019-20 as well as introducing who we are.

The Role of the Board

The role of the local Governing Board is a strategic one with the core purpose of :

- Setting the vision and ethos of the school and
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school.

Governors are not responsible for the day to day operational management of Penshurst Primary —this is the role of the headteacher and her team. Rather, governors support and challenge the headteacher as to the quality and impact of teaching and learning on the attainment and progress that children make. We do this through termly formal meetings, comparing the performance of Penshurst school with national benchmarks and visits to school.

Monitoring Activities in 2019-20

This year our activities are focused on: *what is it like to be a child at Penshurst?*

To answer this question we are:

- Undertaking learning walks to see the children at work
- Listening to and talking with the children about their learning experiences at school especially in relation to what they learn (the curriculum)
- Collecting staff views
- Asking for your feedback on school life and your views on your child's learning journey
- Receiving presentations from senior leaders as to the progress made towards school improvement priorities.

Your Local Governing Board:



**Dr Rachel
White**

I am currently the Chair of Governors and the Governor linked to monitoring provision for DSEN children. Every child deserves the best education and the chance to achieve the exceptional.



**Mrs
Amanda
Fordham**

I joined the governing body to have a better understanding of how Penshurst can be supported and challenged to ensure the best outcomes for all children. I am passionate about education and aim to ensure the children remain our primary focus.



**Mrs Jan
Woodford**

I am a retired primary Headteacher and have worked in both Hull and East Riding schools. As a governor I am passionate about providing the best educational experience to allow every pupil to achieve to their full potential.



**Mrs
Michelle
Preston**

I have been a staff governor for a year and am in my tenth year of teaching, six of which have been at Penshurst in a range of year groups.



**Mrs Sarah
Brodie**

I am a Parent Governor and have a vested interest in ensuring the school provides care for the young people that attend. I have worked as a teacher in Hull for the last 10 years so have a deep understanding of education. I aim to conduct regular school visits and ensure all children have the opportunity to thrive.



**Mrs
Rebecca
Potter**

As a new governor I am looking forward to making a contribution to future decisions and planning. I love Penshurst school and want to ensure the school provides amazing educational experiences for our children now and in the future.

We are also in the process of appointing a further governor—watch this space!

Finally.... May we take the opportunity to wish you all a “Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!”