



# Dovers Green School Governors' newsletter



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## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

A warm welcome to the first edition of the Dovers Green School Governors' newsletter. Each term we will report on what we have been up to, the impact for the school, and what our plans are for the future. We will produce a newsletter once a term to inform you of our work within school and how we have a positive impact on the outcomes for your children.

## WHO WE ARE

Governor			About Me
<b>Ms Nicki Starling – Headteacher</b>			Nicki became Headteacher in November 2020. Before that, she was the deputy Headteacher and head of the Communication and Interaction Needs Centre.
<b>Mr Brett Hamblin - Chair/Co-opted</b>			Brett is a Chartered surveyor and MD of a property development company. He is also Chair of Reigate School governors. He lives in Reigate and has two grown up daughters and two grandchildren.
<b>Mrs Vanessa Hamilton – Vice-Chair/Co-opted Governor</b>			Vanessa has a degree in Early Childhood Education and has led in multiple early years settings. Currently working as a support for vulnerable children and families for children's services. Vanessa also has two young children.
<b>Mrs Rachel Moxley - Staff Governor</b>			Rachel has been teaching at Dovers Green for 10 years and currently leads year 1. She has two teenage daughters and In a previous life, she was a scientist.
<b>Mr Robert Murphy - Parent Governor</b>			Robert is a Chartered Accountant and Head of Finance at a professional services firm. He has been a Parent Governor since the start of 2022. He lives in Reigate and has two young daughters, the eldest of which is at Dovers Green.

Governor	Art Work		About Me
<b>Miss Katharine Perry – Clerk</b>			Katharine became clerk in November 2019. She is also a Teaching Assistant at Dovers Green and lives locally.
<b>Mrs Veronica Readman - Co-opted Governor</b>			Veronica has been a governor and involved in education for a long time. Veronica has three young grandchildren and has great fun playing with them. Veronica enjoys art, theatre, music and reading.
<b>Dr Laura Rowe - Parent Governor</b>			Laura has worked in education for over 12 years as a university lecturer in history. She is passionate about every child having the opportunity to fully develop their educational potential. Laura’s son left Dovers Green in September.
<b>Mr Chris Harvey - Co-opted</b>			Chris is a Deputy Headteacher at Reigate School. He has a child at Dovers Green and lives locally.
<b>Mr Andy Whitehouse Co-opted</b>			Andy is a retired actuary and is a former examiner for the Institute of Actuaries. Andy has lived in Dorking since 2000. He is Chair of Governors at Chertsey & Dorking Nursery Schools and Mole Valley Family Centre, and is a Governor at Powell Corderoy School in Dorking.
<b>Mr Steven Frost Co-opted Governor</b>		<b>PHOTO NOT AVAILABLE</b>	Steven has worked for the government for the last three decades. Outside of work, he assists with the Scouting Movement. He lives locally with his wife two children and a cat.
<b>Mr Jon Fry Co-opted Governor</b>			Jon is a Compliance Officer for a financial services firm based in London. He has a child just started in Red Ladybirds at Dovers Green and lives locally in Horley.
<b>Mrs Sonia Ingleby Co-opted Governor</b>			Sonia is a local resident with three grown up children. She is new to the role of Governor but has the time and enthusiasm to commit to the role.
<b>Mrs Karen Watts Co-opted Governor</b>			Karen has been involved in education for a long time. She retired from teaching art at St Bede’s, Redhill for 14 years a few years ago. She has three grown up children and is a grandma to seven grandchildren. She is very excited to be part of Dover’s Green school and looks forward to the times ahead.

### Other responsibilities

As well as attending meetings, Governors take on responsibility for particular areas of the School Development Plan and monitoring of the school curriculum.

## SPOTLIGHT

### Governors

#### What is the role of the Governors?

The role of the governing body is to help Dovers Green provide the best possible education for its pupils. Although the head teacher is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school and its internal organisation, the governing body oversees the running of the school, providing help and support in all aspects of school life. A governor's role is to challenge and monitor the school's strategy and vision to ensure the children receive the best education possible.

#### Who are the Governors?

School governors are volunteers drawn from all walks of life. They have a genuine desire to improve education for children and they give up their time freely and also attend courses to ensure that they are as knowledgeable as they can be. The head teacher is a governor. All governors have an initial period of office of four years although many serve far longer than this.

#### What do they do?

There is a School Committee meeting at least twice a term. The governing body fulfils its role in three basic ways:

##### By providing a strategic view

That is, helping to decide the school's strategy for improvement so that the children have access to a broad and balanced curriculum and achieve the highest possible standards.

##### By acting as a critical friend

Being critical in the sense that it has responsibility for monitoring and evaluating the school's performance and effectiveness. A friend because it exists to promote the interests of staff and pupils.

##### By ensuring accountability

The governing body holds the Headteacher and senior leadership team to account to drive up educational standards. It is responsible for its actions to parents and the wider local community and works very closely with the headteacher and staff.

#### Communication with parents

School Committee meetings at Dovers Green are open meetings and any parent is welcome to attend.

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

The Governing Body has recently been involved in the following:

- Participation in a Greensand Challenge visit where colleagues from other schools came to Dovers Green to evaluate our teaching of phonics, writing and the support that we give children in the writing process.
- Attendance at budget review meetings and health and safety visits.
- Learning walks and meetings with subject leaders.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### Meeting Schedule

The dates for the meetings for the academic year 2022-2023 are:

#### Autumn Term 2022

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School Committee	Tuesday 20th September	18:00
School Committee	Wednesday 23rd November	9:00

#### Spring Term 2023

School Committee	Thursday 26th January	18:00
School Committee	Thursday 16th March	9:00

#### Summer Term 2023

School Committee	Thursday 11th May	18:00
School Committee	Friday 30th June	9:00

## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The priorities for this year which the governors are monitoring are:

	<b>Greensand Vision</b>	<b>Objective</b>
<b>1</b>	Helping Every Child to Step into their Greatness	To develop adaptive and responsive teaching through effective scaffolding strategies so that children meet at least expected progress in writing and children with SEND meet their personalised targets.
<b>2</b>	Growing Greatness in Staff through Collaboration, Support and Challenge	Subject Leaders will become experts in their curriculum area(s) so that they can support colleagues in the planning and delivery of a curriculum that ensures all children know, understand and remember more.
<b>3</b>	Helping Every Child to Step into their Greatness	All staff will feel confident and able to deliver high quality PE lessons so that all children will have made at least expected progress or achieved their personalised targets.

## NOTICES

The Governors would like to wish everyone associated with Dovers Green School a happy new year.