



Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the autumn term; I hope you have had a relaxing summer holiday. I am delighted to welcome our new Headteacher, Mrs Williams, to the Alexander Hosea community.

I was recently re-elected as Chair of Governors, a role I previously held from 2014-15 and am delighted that Aaron Smith and Celia Rogers have been elected as Vice Chairs. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Steve Barry for his work as chair from 2015-2017.

I have been a Governor at Alexander Hosea since 2013 and previously served as a Governor of a Bristol secondary school. Professionally I have worked within the education system for over 15 years and am currently an Education Advisor working with schools across the South of England and Wales. Additionally I have 2 children who attend the school.

The remainder of the Governing Body consists of Debbie Williams (Headteacher), Jacob Wilcox, Gareth Fielding, Simon Burton, Andrew Hall, Tim Shrewsbury, Trevor Lee, Amy Arrowsmith. Our associate members are Anna Symington, Joanne Hitchings, Steve Jones, Philip Priest and Louise McAleese.

The core functions of Governing Bodies as outlined by the Department for Education are to:

- 1) Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- 2) Hold the School to account for its educational performance and that of its pupils.
- 3) Oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

In reality this means discussing a huge range of topics including the long term plans for the school, the academic progress of cohorts of children, the systems in place to keep our children safe, the amount of money allocated to staff training and legionella regulations!

Annually we conduct a skills audit as part of an overall assessment of the Governing body's effectiveness. Our results, collated at the end of the summer term, show that we have an excellent mixture of skills, knowledge and experience to cover all key areas of Governance successfully. We do currently have a Parent Governor vacancy. No experience of working within education is needed and we are particularly interested in people with knowledge of ICT or HR and who are able to attend meetings during the school day. If you could contribute to the on-going success of the school, please complete the parent election paperwork. If you wish to find out a bit more about the roles and responsibilities of being a Parent Governor before submitting a formal nomination please feel free to get in touch with me, either by email (caroline.dalton@sgmail.org.uk) or via the School Office.

As Chair I will aim to keep you updated on the work of the Governing Body with as little jargon as possible. If you have specific questions please do come and talk to me or make contact via the School Office.

Kindest regards

Caroline Dalton

Chair of Governors