

## GOVERNORS REPORT FOR ACCADEMIC YEAR 18/19

The governing body has been very stable this year apart from one major change in that Penny Aspey has stepped down from being Chair of Governors and Rev Stephen Walker elected to take her place and at the end of the academic year decided to retire from the governing body. Penny has served the governing body in this role for a number of years and in the past year or so been instrumental in enabling the HORSAs building to be replaced. She will be greatly missed in this role.

The most exciting developments this year has been the replacement of the old HORSAs building. Work to knock down the old classroom and kitchen took two weeks , starting in June 2018 and was completed for the start of the Spring Term 2019. This is a major addition to the school's facilities and resources and appreciated by Pupils and Staff alike.

The main responsibilities of the governing body are

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school.
- Oversee financial performance, ensuring that the money is well spent.
- Hold the head to account for the educational performance and the performance of management and staff.

Full governor meetings are held twice a term when the head presents the latest data and updates on developments. The chairs of the two sub committees, finance/ premises and the improvement committees also present their findings. Sub-committee meetings are held termly as a minimum or as necessary. The head presents a termly report to the governors and discussions take place about the School Development Plan. All the school policies are reviewed on a programmed basis to ensure that guidance is up to date. Further topics are of course discussed as necessary.

Thank you to all the governors who give of their time freely, to FOCAS who are amazing at raising much needed funds and organising events. My biggest thanks, however, go to all the staff under the leadership of the head teacher who all go that little bit extra to make the school what it is. It's been a privilege to have been your Chair of Governors this year.

Rev Stephen Walker