



# PARKGATE INFANTS GOVERNOR GOSSIP

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## Welcome to the Parkgate Infants and Nursery School Governors' newsletter.

It is an aim of our school's Governing Body to improve communication and links between governors, staff, parents and children. We hope that this newsletter supports achieving this aim!

## Autumn 2018

We would like to wish all returning children, families and staff a happy new school year, and welcome all our new children, families and staff to the school. We are looking forward to an exciting year at Parkgate Infants and Nursery School.

## Ofsted 2018

The Governing Body were very proud and pleased to receive the outcome of the Ofsted inspection visit in July 2018, which confirmed the school's 'Good' rating. Well done to all the staff and students who took part in the inspection and thank you to parents who fed back to the inspector.

As well as the many positives, the report notes some 'Next Steps' for the school and, as Governors, we will be looking at ways to support the school in progressing these, ensuring that:

- 'New teaching approaches are consolidated, so that progress and outcomes in English and mathematics improve still further and more pupils exceed the expected standards at the end of key stage 1.
- The proportion of children who achieve a good level of development at the end of the early years continues to rise and that more children exceed the expected standard.
- They continue to work with the minority of families who do not ensure that their children attend school regularly and arrive on time, and that they implement appropriate sanctions where necessary.'

Ofsted Report 18 July 2018

## Who are the Governing Body?

On 17 September the Governing Body had its first full meeting of the academic year. This meeting confirmed our roles within the GB for the upcoming 2018-19 year as follows:

### Parent Governors

**Jenny Pattinson** – Vice Chair and Safeguarding Lead

**Carolyn Knott** – Joint Curriculum Lead

**Genta Hajri** – Governor Visits Lead

### Vacancy

### Staff Governors

**Gwyn Pritchard** – Headteacher

**Emma McCarthy** – INCO and Joint Curriculum Lead

### Co-Opted Governors

**Beth Dyson** - Chair

**Paul Burke** – Health & Safety Lead

**Phil Reilly** – Inclusion Lead

**Apeksha Chowdhury** – Training Lead

**Suzannah Colston** – Induction Lead

**Rob Shelton** – Finance and Resources Lead

In addition, our meetings are minuted by our clerk Julie Raybould.

We have recently agreed as a Governing Body to change our meeting structure, allowing us to meet as a full body more often. We believe that this will allow us to work more efficiently and effectively on behalf of the school.

Our governors are all volunteers and give up their skills, experience and time for free in order to help and support our school.

## Thank you

Paul Burke has served on the Governing Body as Vice Chair, Chair and Co-Chair for over 6 years. Phil Reilly has served as Vice Chair for over four years. This year they have decided to step back and concentrate on their Lead roles. The Governing Body would like to express our thanks to Paul and Phil for all their hard work and time.

The Governing Body has an email address which can be used to contact us if you need to:

[infant.governors@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk](mailto:infant.governors@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk)



## **Parkgate Infants and Nursery School**

### **“Anything is Possible”**

Parkgate Infants and Nursery School currently has a vacancy for one Parent Governor to join our Governing Body.

The Governing Body is a group of committed volunteers who work together to promote and sustain improvements in standards throughout the school. We are not involved in the day to day running of the school, but provide strategic management, and act as a ‘critical friend’ to support the Head Teacher and other senior staff.

Being a school governor is a fantastic and rewarding opportunity to have a positive impact on the education of hundreds of children, working towards better schools and a better community.

You will have the opportunity to develop a wealth of transferable skills and experience. Training is provided, and you will find yourself part of a supportive team.

We are seeking individuals with skills in the following areas:

- Education
- Human Resources
- Strategic planning

This is not an exhaustive list, and if your skills and expertise lie elsewhere we would still love to hear from you. So, if you have the time, energy and commitment to be a school governor, and are interested in finding out more, please contact us on:

[infant.governors@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk](mailto:infant.governors@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk)

Further information about being a governor can also be found on the following websites:

<https://www.sgoss.org.uk/volunteers.html>

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-governors/school-governors.aspx>

If you would like to apply, please send your CV to us at the above email address. We will arrange a time that you can come to the school and meet with the Chair of the Governing Body and the Head Teacher. Depending on the number of applications for the Parent Governor position, the school may be required hold a Parent Vote.

Deadline for applications is Friday 5 October.

We are committed to safeguarding, and all governors must have a DBS check and provide two references.