

Sarisbury Church of England Junior School

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The Governing Body at Sarisbury CE Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Rob Rees and I am Chair of the Governing Body (GB) at Sarisbury CE Junior School. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you the members of our GB, and explain the work that we undertake.

School governing bodies are made up from various types of governors. Some such as Parent and Staff governors are elected on to the governing body; whilst others for example Co-opted and Local Authority governors are appointed by the governing body. Foundation governors, as we have at SJS, are appointed by the school's founding body, the Diocese of Portsmouth.

Currently we have 12 governors on the GB at SJS with 2 vacancies.

The GB comprises:-

3 Parent governors (PG):-

Mrs Nichola Dunning Vice-Chair and governor linked to year 4
Mrs Marisa Lamb SEND, pupil premium and safeguarding governor.
Mrs Kelly Bell-Moore a new governor who has joined us this term.

3 Foundation governors (FG):-

Revd Sandy Matheson Vicar of the Parish of St Paul's, Sarisbury Green.
Mrs Janet Dullede governor linked to year 5.
Mr Ken Cordner governor linked to year 3.

3 Co-opted governors (CG):-

Mr Kevin Briscoe governor linked to year 6 and literacy.
Mrs S Hamblin
Mrs Lynsey Rose a new governor who has joined us this term.

1 Staff Governor (SG):-

Mrs R Bleack Assistant Headteacher.

1 Local Authority governor (LG):-

Mr Rob Rees Chair of governors and linked to maths.

Mr Stockton *Headteacher (HT)*

Associate member (AM)

Mrs Weaver Headteacher at Sarisbury Infant School.



The governors at SJS are volunteers. They are people who wish to ensure that the pupils at our school have the best education possible. To achieve this governors have to be involved in a range of school matters such as safeguarding, self-evaluation, school improvement, finance and personnel issues.

Importantly the GB provides a strong link between the school and the local community, and presents an independent view to support the school with its long term development and improvement.

In order to be effective in this role the GB is charged with 3 core functions:-

1. To establish the strategic direction of the school, by setting the vision, values, and objectives for the school; agreeing the school improvement priorities and targets; and ensuring the GB meets its own statutory duties.
2. To ensure accountability, by monitoring progress towards targets; engaging with stakeholders; and contributing to the school's self-evaluation.
3. To ensure financial probity by setting budgets; monitoring spending; ensuring value for money; and ensuring risks to the school are managed.

The full GB at SJS meets at least twice a term and is supported by 3 sub-committees: Child and Curriculum; Finance and Resources; Personnel, Performance and Pay.

Although much of a governor's work takes place outside school hours, the GB believes it is important for governors to meet and communicate with the school's parents, pupils and staff whenever possible. You may have noticed governors at school events such as the recent parent / teacher evenings, the year 3 and year 6 parent information events. We are there to meet parents and carers, and learn from you how our pupils are getting on. Governors visit the school as part of our School Monitoring Programme. These visits are intended to give the GB a broader understanding of how the school is performing. Each term governors will meet with year leaders to discuss their cohort's progress against the set targets. We meet with the maths and literacy leaders to see how progress is being made and work closely with the school's SENCO.

Further information on the governing body at Sarisbury CE Junior School and the minutes of GB meetings may be found on the school's website. If you would like to get in contact with me please leave a message at the school office and I will get back to you as soon as possible. We do have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the GB. If you are interested, or would like to discuss the role, please leave your contact details at the school office.

Yours sincerely
Rob Rees – Chair of Governors.

