



Dore Primary School Governor Newsletter

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School Governing Body

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Cllr Colin Ross

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Mr Kevin Carter
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Mr Philip Allsop
Mrs Lisa Bradshaw
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Mrs Sian Granville
Mrs Deborah Marks
Mr Gavin Truelove

Changes to the Governing Body

It has been a while since the last newsletter and there have been a lot of changes to the Governing Body.

On the left is list of the current Governing Body members.

Steve Thomas is currently the elected Chair of Governors with Cllr Colin Ross as vice-chair

The Governing Body meet each term as an entire body and also for any emergency meetings.

Governors work in smaller project teams on particular issues and also attend regular training sessions delivered by Sheffield City Council.

The Governing Body is divided into 3 groups of Finance & Premises, the Curriculum group and also the Strategic group.

Philip Allsop is the current elected Chair of the Finance & Premises group with Dean Dove as vice-chair.

Lisa Bradshaw is the current elected Chair for the Curriculum group with John Clifford as vice-chair.

Governors have school link areas (year groups or tasks they focus on).

Please do contact the Governors if you have any questions or ideas regarding the school. We do love to hear all suggestions and thoughts.

School Policies

Policies that have been reviewed and ratified since Sept 2012:

- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Dress code Policy
- Dog-owner code of conduct Policy
- Equality Statement policy
- Maths Calculation Policy

These and all other policies can be viewed and downloaded on the school website in the Parent Information section.

Changes and Improvements to the school

During this academic year the school has seen many extra people around the school, working on various aspects of building work.

The rewiring, new Infant hall floor and the drainage works are now completed. It has taken longer than expected but it has been worth the wait. The contractors have thanked the staff for their time and support. They have also praised the children for their excellent behaviour during the work.

Recently 2 new breakout areas have been created in the Junior school and already well used for Booster sessions and by the Reading mentors.



The £15 contribution

We would like to thank all families who paid in their £15 in September.

Feedback from the staff regarding this method of collecting monies has been positive in less admin and the ability to plan ahead for the school year.

All year groups have benefited from cooking, sports demos, visits from theatre groups etc.

For the next academic year we intend to continue with the one off payment for the year for the but it will be £10 and to be paid in October. Further details will be sent out in September.

The School Fence

After 4 years, the School fence issue resulted in a Public Inquiry.

After an arduous 3 day hearing for all concerned, the Inspector reported in favour of the school and the Local Authority then supported this decision. Dore Village Society have informed the school they will not be challenging this ruling.

The fence and gates will remain where they currently stand.

Thanks to the staff and to the parents who spent an amazing amount of their time collating evidence in the last 4 years and preparing reports.

Planning Proposals to former King Egbert School Site.

Consultation meetings were held at the end of November by Sheffield City Council planning dept. Members of the Governing Body attended and officially provided feedback to be taken into account regarding the planning proposal.

The main concerns are parking, routes for children and families walking to school issues on safe guarding for our children and the expected increase of numbers of children applying to attend Dore Primary school once more houses are built.

In March an outline proposal was released by Sheffield City Council.

Disappointingly the plans appear to have ignored our concerns. We have written again with our concerns and hope to get some response from Sheffield City Council on this matter.

20's Plenty and Car Issues

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to the voluntary pledge of "20 is Plenty" campaign.

There have been many posters on view in the village, thanks to the local shopkeepers who have been very supportive.

Recently there have been several instances regarding cars parking near the school. This is of great concern as it is the safety of our children at risk. The situation is being monitored and the school is liaising with the police and the local authority.

We expect road safety will continue to be an issue of concern for the school with the proposed development of the former King Egbert school site.



And last but not least, a BIG Thank You...

It has been a very busy year at Dore Primary. And it ends on a high with a fantastic sunny sports day and with a wonderful production of the Wizard of Oz.

Thank you to the DPA for your wonderful fundraising. The hard work you all do benefits our children hugely and we cannot wait for the Autumn fayre in October.

Thanks to all the staff for all their hard work in the classroom and also for all the extra curriculum activities done in your spare time.

Thanks to the parents and everyone in the community who come into school to run clubs and help out.

Thanks to the children for making our school a happy place to learn.

Finally a huge farewell and a big cheer to our Year 6, you have been great ambassadors for our school. We wish you well and will miss you all.