

Governor Newsletter

Wren Park Primary School



Hello and welcome

On behalf of the Wren Park Governing Board, we would like to begin by warmly welcoming the pupils and their families who have joined our school community this term. I hope by now everyone is settling back into the rhythm of the school and the children have adjusted to their new classes.

We thought it would be useful to communicate an update of Governor activity, how we support the school, staff and represent you as Parents / Carers of children at the school.

Who are we and what do we do?

The Board of Governors has three overarching responsibilities:

- Setting the strategic direction for the school
- Holding the school to account for its educational performance
- Ensuring the financial health and probity of the school, and making sure it delivers value for money

We ensure that the educational and developmental needs of children are met and that our children are provided with a good primary-level education that gives them the best possible start in life.

Full Governor Board meetings are held termly as well as other sub committees which meet termly to discuss areas such as the curriculum, personnel, finance and building issues.

The Governors are encouraged to visit school during the day, to get hands on experience, see how things are for the children at school and monitor certain aspects of the school. Individual governors take roles for different curriculum areas such as SEND, Safeguarding and Personal Development.

There is a wide range of skills and expertise within the Governing Board which helps provide the support and scrutiny required.



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Wren Park School Governors

Alex Buckley Head Teacher

Simon Chilvers Governor, Co-opted, Chair of Governing Board

Kevin Rayner Parent Governor, Election Vice-Chair of Governing Board and Chair of Resources

Ian Care Governor, Local Authority

Gurjinder Khunkhun Governor, Co-opted

Helen Hagan Governor, Co-opted, Chair of Teaching and Learning

Kuljit Bolina Johal Parent Governor, Election

Liz Hanson Governor, Co-opted

TBC Staff Governor

Amanda Glynn Staff Governor

Rachel Fox Clerk to Governors and School Business Manager

All the governors are very approachable and are happy to speak to parents. Governors can be contacted in the first instance by communicating with the school or by e-mail to admin@wrenpark.sch.derby.uk

Governors cannot get involved in individual matters and request that you approach school staff for children matters.

A governor will always try to be present at open evenings and other events and can be approached in person.

Update from our last Governors meetings

Governors meet this term to review the following strategies

- Safeguarding Policy
- Equality Policy
- Code of Conduct Policy
- Charges and Remissions Policy

We continue to work with the school to ensure policies are maintained and up to date.

THANK YOU

The Governing Body would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who contributed generous towards the girls and boys football teams. Your contributions will go towards equipment, football jackets, water bottles and kit.

We would also like to thank our Governor Helen Hagan and her son for their wonderful work in getting the nature garden back in use for our children to explore. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the garden during outdoor week.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to thank all parents/carers for the support you give to Wren Park, from volunteering at school, helping to run PTA events and donations. Your energy and care really does make a difference.

Personal Development

Avery Middleton Lodge Care Home

During this half term, children from Year 4 have been involved in a very special partnership with Avery Middleton Lodge Care Home in Littleover. Children were invited to visit and take part in activities with the residents, such as reading their favourite book, and playing bingo. The residents will also come along to Wren Park to watch the Harvest festival this term.

Repton Prep School

We are thrilled to be forming an exciting new partnership between Wren Park and Repton Prep School in Milton, Foremarke. As part of this collaboration, our children will have the unique opportunity to participate in various lessons and activities hosted at Repton Prep.

A group of Year 6 students were the first to benefit from this wonderful opportunity. On Wednesday 25th September a group of children took part in a public speaking, art and PE lessons with the staff at Repton. Feedback from Repton Prep has been positive, this is what they had to say about our Year 6 children **"Y6 children were an absolute delight - what an amazing bunch of young people you have. Real credit to the school." The children showed great confidence during the public speaking lesson and showed amazing engagement/enthusiasm throughout the afternoon"**.

Repton Prep are very eager to welcome us back and we look forward to the next event with them. A public speaking dinner and a Yr5/6 boys and girls football match are next planned.

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Kind Regards

Kuljit Bolina Johal (Parent Governor) on behalf of the Governing Board.