



# Gill Blowers Letter from the Governors



My name is Denise Poore, and I am the chair of Governors at Gill Blowers Nursery School. I am pleased to have the opportunity to update you on the activities of the Governing Body this term. Governors are all volunteers who wish to support the Nursery, and work with staff to ensure the best possible outcomes for your children.

## Who we are:

### Co-opted Governors

Denise Poore – Chair of Governors  
Gordon McCulloch – Vice Chair of Governors, Chair of Finance and Resources Committee  
Teresa Moss  
Sasha Smith  
Victoria Parkes

### Parent Governors

Aimee – Louise Iveson  
Vacancy

### Headteacher Governor

Jo Iddenden – Acting Head

### Staff Governors

Launa Corin

### Local Authority Governor

Sue Thomas – Chair of Curriculum & Standards Committee

Meetings are also attended by Nina Biscoe – School Business Manager and Paula Ewington, an Independent Clerk. You can see more information about the governors on the school website. If you want to communicate with us, or ask us to consider any ideas or views you can speak to your parent governor representative or write to Paula Ewington, at the school address. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please speak to the Acting Head Teacher or School Business Manager.

## What do Governors do? The Governing Body has three main core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent. (Governance Handbook, DfE, 2017)

We carry out these functions through termly meetings of the full governing body, and through sub-committees, and through governor visits to meet with individuals or observe activities. The governing body has two sub-committees. The Finance & Resource Committee is responsible for finance, premises and personnel. This term they have been scrutinising the budget and expenditure, and considering a site agent post. The Curriculum & Standards committee is responsible for everything related to the school curriculum and communication with stakeholders. This term they have been monitoring the new systems for ensuring the accuracy and robustness of data on children's progress and attainment.

As well as being members of committees, Governors take on responsibility for particular areas. The Link Governors for this year are:

*Health & Safety* – Launa Corin

*Governor Training Link & Professional Development* – Gordon McCulloch

*Safeguarding Children & PREVENT* – Denise Poore

*Safer Recruitment* – Jo Iddenden, Denise Poore

*SEND* – Victoria Parkes

*Pupil Premium* – Sue Thomas

I visited the school in November to discuss safeguarding procedures, and to look at how records are kept, and I am pleased to report that safeguarding measures were robust, and in line with policy and procedures. Several governors attended the curriculum day, also in November, and it was lovely to see how enthusiastic staff were, and how parents were involved with their children in activities.

Next term the governing body will be recruiting a new Head Teacher to replace Deborah Harmon who will be leaving the nursery on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. We would like to thank Mrs Harmon for her many years of service to the school. We would also like to express our appreciation to Jo Iddenden, for stepping up to the role of Acting Head during Mrs Harmon's absence, and ensuring that your children have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. We would also like to thank all the staff for their hard work this year.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable holiday, and a happy and peaceful New Year.



Chair of Governors