



Hillcroft Bulletin

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Newsletter from the Hillcroft Governors

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School Governors:

Currently Hillcroft is governed by the Local Governing body which consists of 5 elected Governors and our Headteacher. Senior Leadership Team members also attend Governor meetings. Each Governor has an area of responsibility which relates to the key Ofsted areas.

Who are we:



Janet Worth
Chair of Governors and
Safeguarding Governor



Dave Shadrach
Vice Chair, Health & Safety and
Outcomes for Children Governor



Louise Marriage
Pupil Behaviour, Development &
Pupil Welfare Governor



Ben Hunter
Leadership &
Management Governor



Adam Jewell
Finance Governor



Kellie Brazier
Headteacher &
Ex-Officio Governor

What do we do:

We work with the Headteacher to provide a strategic direction and vision for Hillcroft. We hold the Senior Leadership Team to account for both the educational performance of the School & the performance management of the Staff. Governors oversee the financial performance of Hillcroft and help ensure that pupils enjoy learning in a safe, secure and caring environment.

What Governors have done this year:

Since the appointment of Janet Worth as Chair in September 2016, we have reviewed the Governing Body format, created, agreed and implemented the Governors Development Plan and embedded Governors into all key aspects of School life. We have contributed to and overseen the recent Ofsted Inspection which confirmed Hillcroft as still being a "Good" School. Governors have met regularly with the Leadership Team and various Staff to discuss pupil progress, finance and school management matters, attended inset days, taken part in learning walks around the School, meet with GLF Partners and monitored H&S & Premises Inspections. Since September we have appointed Miss Brazier as our Headteacher and Miss Summers as the Deputy Headteacher whilst drawing up a strategy for the School which we will be sharing with everyone next Term. All Governors attend training courses to develop their skills and knowledge.



We continue to support and actively drive forward new processes and initiatives such as the parking safety campaign outside of the School.

Changes to governance from September 2017:

From September, all GLF Schools will replace the Governing Bodies with School Strategic Boards (SSB's). The Hillcroft SSB will include current Governors, the School Finance leader and 3 Representatives from GLF. Currently the Hillcroft Leadership team meet separately with Governors and GLF to discuss similar issues. We think that meeting together will not only avoid duplication but will make better use of Staff time. The SSB will be responsible for agreeing Hillcroft's strategic vision, values, objectives and budget plan. We will also continue to be responsible for safeguarding and the wellbeing of pupils as well as holding the SLT to account.

Unfortunately there is no place for a Staff Governor in the new structure so Sophie Burningham is unable to join us on the new SSB. We would like to thank Sophie for her dedication over the last 2 years as a Staff Governor and really appreciate her vauded input at the Governor meetings. We would also like to thank Kevin Cooper-Beirne & Richard Reid who both stood down as Governors during this past academic year.

Our priorities for 2017 – 2018:

Our priorities for the next year include both setting up and embedding the new School Strategic Board and developing and implementing our strategy for Hillcroft. Not only do we need to ensure that Hillcroft is financially viable, but we will agree key priorities for the new academic year including the challenges highlighted by Ofsted & driving to improve outcomes in Maths.

Talk to us:

We want to hear from the wider School community including Parents and Carers , Pupils and people from the local Community. You can contact us by email – we all have school email addresses which are on the website. Alternatively you can leave a message at the Office and we will get in touch or feel free to speak to one of us if you see us in the playground.