



Dear Parents/Carers,

Leaves are beginning to fall from the trees and school shoes are still (almost) shiny. The Governors have started the year with their first Full Governing Body meeting on 3rd October, where we re-elected the Chair and Vice-chair, agreed committee membership and appointed Link Governors. As Chair of the Federated Governing Body, I would like to welcome everyone to the autumn term and say how excited the Governors are to be working with the schools, staff, families and children this year.

Kind regards,

Kate Allen

Chair of Governors

What do Governors do?

The law requires governing bodies and for the governing body to fulfil three core functions:

- ensure the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined, including reviewing and agreeing policies written by the school;
- ensure the Headteacher performs his/her responsibilities for the education performance of the school;
- ensure the sound, correct and effective use of the school's financial resources.

Governors are not responsible for:

- the internal organisation, management and control of the school;
- the educational performance of the school.

Who are the Governors?

Mrs D. Douglas (Head teacher)

Chair: K.Allen (LA)

Vice-chair: M. Sharif (Co-opted)

Foundation: K. Asquith-Dolan & vacancy

Staff elected:

F. Lee

Co-opted:

A.Nyhan (staff)

Parent:

S.Hussain

K.Iqbal

H. Bismillah

T.Patel

Observers: L.Booth J. Lord

Vacancies:

How to contact us:

If you would like to contact the Governors, you may do so by contacting either of the school offices, or email our Chair: kate.allen@thornhilllees.com

For more information, visit the Governor section on the school websites:

<https://www.saviletown.co.uk>

<https://www.thornhilllees.com/our-school/governors>

School aims:

This year, the Federation are working alongside the dedicated staff towards achieving the following priorities:

1. **Early Reading and Phonics** - to continue to develop staff confidence and pupil progress in phonics, alongside introducing the reading for understanding materials in Key Stage 1.
2. **Developing a curriculum to meet the needs of the children** - to build on our work on a values - based curriculum and from the maximising memory research project, to develop meaningful schemes of work for each curriculum area.
3. **Being an Inclusive school** - to further develop our provision to support the diverse needs of the children in our schools.



The Governors would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the staff at Thornhill Lees for their fantastic achievement to attain a 'good' rating from Ofsted.

A great report that is a credit to everyone!



As you can see, there are a handful of vacancies on our Governing Body (Foundation, Parent). The Governors would like to invite you to share these vacancies with others or speak with Mrs Douglas or our Chair (kate.allen@thornhilllees.com) if you feel you could offer your skillset to strengthen our Governing team. We look forward to hearing from you!