

## HARTLIP ENDOWED C.E.PRIMARY SCHOOL

# GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2014

The Governing Body met at Hartlip School on 1 October 2014.

Since the last meeting of the Governing Body, Irene Milton (a Foundation Governor) has retired. We thank her for her service and wish her well in the future.

We have been pleased to welcome Rev. Julian Staniforth and Karen Weller (a Parent Governor) to our ranks. A list of Governors with their current responsibilities is attached.

We also welcomed Miss Ellen McCabe, our newly appointed Deputy Headteacher, to the meeting and to the school.

We have reduced the size of the Governing Body by two to twelve members in accordance with the Government's wish to have dynamic governing bodies no bigger than they need to be with all Governors contributing relevant skills and experience.

New regulations for the governing bodies of maintained schools were introduced from 1 September 2014 requiring appointments to be made on a skills basis. Governors are now much more accountable for the performance of the school and over the next few months the Governors of Hartlip School will be undergoing a wide variety of training in order to help to take the school forward in its performance. That training will include sessions on Self-Evaluation for Good Governance, Safeguarding and Assessing Pupil Performance Data.

The workload of Governors has obviously increased and we have decided, as a body, to meet in future at 7.30pm rather than 8pm. This means that the opportunity for Parents/Carers to meet with Governors before a Governing Body meeting without prior arrangement will no longer be available. Governors very much wish to be able to meet with parents when the need arises. To this end, Parents/Carers may notify the Clerk to the Governors at [SBourne@hartlip.kent.sch.uk](mailto:SBourne@hartlip.kent.sch.uk) if they wish to meet with Governors and the Clerk will make arrangements.

The whole question of Communication with Parents will be discussed at the next meeting of the Governing Body which is to be held on Wednesday 3 December and you will be advised of the outcome of those discussions.

It is the Government's wish that every school has a Governing Body which will focus firmly on improving the education of every child at their School. That is what the Governors of Hartlip School are aiming to do.

Graham Addicott OBE  
Chair of Governors  
15.10.14

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# GOVERNOR MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES AUTUMN 2014

Hartlip Governing Body is made up of 12 members as follows:	
Chair/LEA Governor: Mr G Addicott	Foundation Governors:
Head Teacher: Mrs T Jerome	Vice Chair: Mr J Morgan
Parent Governors: Mrs L Fordyce	Rev. J Staniforth (ex-officio)
Mrs K Weller	Mrs S Podolsky
Staff Governor: Mrs J Warncken	Mrs L Kinney
	Mrs C Fisher
	Mr A Crawford
	1 vacancy

### Committees are as follows:

#### Curriculum/Improvement Committee

Mrs Jerome      Mr Morgan  
Mrs Kinney      Mrs Fordyce  
Mrs Weller      [Miss McCabe in attendance]

#### Finance and Resources Committee

Mr Crawford      Mrs Warncken  
Mrs Podolsky      Mrs Jerome  
Mrs Fisher      Rev. Staniforth

#### Admissions Committee

Mrs Jerome  
Mrs Kinney  
Rev. Staniforth

Mr Addicott, as Chair, will be an ex-officio member of all committees.

### Governors hold individual responsibilities as follows:

Literacy: Mrs Podolsky and Mrs Kinney

Numeracy: Mr Morgan and Mrs Weller

Science: Mr Addicott and Mrs Fordyce

PE: Mr Addicott and Mrs Fisher

RE: Mr Crawford and Rev. Staniforth

Early Years: Mrs Fordyce (with the possibility of Mrs Harris as Associate)

SEN: under review

Training and Development: Mr Morgan

Safeguarding: Mrs Weller

Gateway Alliance: Mr Addicott