

Spring Term

Governor Headlines



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MAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL: GOVERNING BODY



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to an update from the governing body, giving us chance to share our headline thoughts from the year so far, briefly review our latest work and outline our actions for the term ahead. You can see the governing body pictured above, Mr Denton is part of the governing body as headteacher but is accountable to governors and our aim is to act as a critical friend and advisor in return, as we are the custodians of Mayfield's long term future.

During the last term, we have visited school extensively to undertake progress checks on development plan priorities, resources, our children's learning experiences, budget, health and safety and safeguarding amongst many others. We would like to recognise the publishing of continued strong end of Key Stage Two outcomes for our children. In particular recognising the consistent strong performance of school at this level and the magnificent progress our children make from their starting points. We would also like to recognise the superb attendance at Mayfield. Brilliant again!

The governing body remain focused upon the capacity of school to continue growing in the current educational climate. In essence, we are seeing huge need arriving at Mayfield and despite our best efforts we feel limited in what we can do. The way in which the education system operates it means we have to work within very limited parameters where it is hard to seek extra funding which is so pivotal to having the space, staff and skills needed to meet the ever increasing demands on a primary school still effectively being asked to operate within a system which hasn't the capacity to move with it. This is not a criticism just an analysis that as governors we are constantly considering. I am sure you will all agree that the progress we have made over the past seven years cannot be risked simply by having limitations beyond our control. Governors are working hard with Mr Denton to explore what is possible to bring us the strongest long term position and opportunities for our children. This is a major focus of our work for not just the term, but the whole of 2026.

Alongside the above, we have a number of Study Group Sessions (focusing upon key areas of school development e.g. Pupil Premium, Achievement Data, Safeguarding) planned for Spring Term and a series of important Governance Challenge Visits which independently test out the strategies that Mr Denton and his team are implementing. This is about the governors putting the words and actions of our staff leaders to the test.

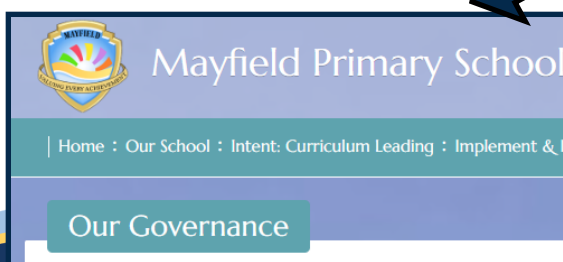
Finally, and most exciting, I would like to welcome two new members to our governing body. Catherine Weir joins us as the Parent Governor candidate after the completion of the recruitment process before Christmas. Leanne Varley joins us as a Co-opted Governor filling our recently departed previous Co-opted position. Both fit the criteria we advertised, namely a background in the education sector and that awareness of Mayfield's journey within the community. We look forward to working with them. This means that the governing body is full as usual and means we can continue with our model of a small, but busy and knowledgeable team all playing an active role and with a skill set that complements each other.

If you want to know more about the governing body, then our web page is constantly updated and holds more extensive details about our work.

<https://www.mayfield12.lancsngfl.ac.uk/page/our-governance/61457>

Best wishes
Mark Burge (Chair of Governing Body)

**Take a look
at the web page.**



Forthcoming Work

Mon 5th Jan: Chair Visits Staff (INSET Day)
Tue 6th Jan: Study Group Visit
Tue 6th Jan: New Governor Induction Programme
From Week Beg. 12th Jan: Annual Stakeholder Review

Tue 13th Jan: Standards Challenge Group & Visit
Tue 20th Jan: Study Group Session
Tue 10th Feb: Full Governing Body Mtg: Resources
Tue 10th Feb: Study Group & Governor Finance Visit