



Burlington Junior School

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER Spring Term 2022

Welcome to our Spring Term Governor Newsletter.

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Well done to all the staff and pupils at Burlington Junior School on achieving **GOOD** during last term's Ofsted inspection. The Governing Body would especially like to thank the staff for their hard work, commitment and dedication.

The effectiveness of the governing body is also assessed as part of the Ofsted inspection as it has a crucial part to play in the leadership of the school and forms part of the overall judgement on leadership and management. Inspectors therefore met with Governors to ask them questions about their knowledge and understanding of the school including attendance, behaviour, the curriculum, pupils' progress and attainment and safeguarding.

GOVERNORS' MEETINGS

The Governors' Meetings for this term are:

Thursday 27th January - Teaching and Achievement Committee Meeting

Thursday 3rd March - Resources and Staffing Committee Meeting

Thursday 24th March - Full Governing Body Meeting

During the Autumn term meetings we discussed and made decisions on the following areas:

- attendance
- attainment and progress
- school improvement priorities
- school policies
- safeguarding
- staffing
- budget forecasts and spending

More information about the Governing Body can be found on the school website under the 'Our school' tab and then 'Our Governors'.

If you want to get in touch please either leave a message at the school office or contact Aileen Moss, Chair of Governors, directly by email at a.moss@bjs.eriding.net

CURRICULUM RESPONSIBILITIES

All Governors have the responsibility for one or more areas of the curriculum. This involves liaising with the subject leaders in school to find out more about how each area of the curriculum is taught.

Our subject governors are:

Alison Beckett: Music

Marie-Clare Gazeley: Art, Design & Technology

Lucy Grimshaw: Maths

Sian Hart: PE

Mark Langley: Science, IT

Aileen Moss: English, Humanities, RE, PHSCE

During the Autumn Term, Governor visits were made to school to find out more about Art, Design & Technology and Geography. This involved meeting with the subject leaders and then reporting to the Governing Body.

Examples of some of the questions put to subject leaders were:

- What priority does your subject have in school?
- What do children learn in different year groups?
- What evidence do you have to show that pupils are making good progress in your subject?
- Can you tell me about your future plans for developing your subject area?

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies on our Governing Body and are particularly interested in finding people who have time to devote to the role and who have financial skills and expertise. If you are a parent or grandparent of a child at the school and are interested or know of anyone from the community who may be interested then we would be happy to provide further information. The school office can forward any enquiries to the Chair of Governors or alternatively you can contact her directly at the email address below.

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