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Croft Primary School Local Board of Governors Newsletter January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2020 newsletter from the Local Board of Governors for The Croft Primary School.

What is our role?

The purpose of the Governing Body is to ensure that there is a clear vision and strategic direction for the school. We work closely with both the Head and staff to continue to develop good practice so that all pupils are able to make good progress and achieve their potential. We are essentially the schools “critical friend”.

The work of the Board is very important. We hold formal meetings once a term to consider and act on a variety of items affecting the school. We receive reports from the Head concerning conduct, curriculum etc. and work closely with the Senior Leadership Team at the school. Ofsted also require input from the Governors when they carry out an inspection. All Governors must adhere to a strict code of conduct to ensure confidentiality and professionalism at all times.

All Board members have specific champion roles that are decided at the beginning of each academic year and coincide with the areas of action highlighted in the School Development Plan.

Who are we?

The LGB at Croft currently comprises of nine Local Governors:

- The Principal;
- Five Local Governors co-opted by the LGB;
- Two elected parents of pupils at the Academy;
- One employee (teacher) who works at Croft.

The term of office of each governor is 4 years and the current Board members are listed below together with their role:

Name	Membership	Position/Responsibilities
Bryony Hallows	Co-opted Governor	Chair, Safeguarding and Attendance
Doug Copestake	Co-opted Governor	Deputy Chair, ICT and Pupil Premium, Well-being
Elaine Murphy		Principle
Lara Howlett	Co-opted Governor	Maths
Lynne Gaskarth	Co-opted Governor	English Reading/Writing
Helen Forster	Co-opted Governor	Admissions, Well-being, English Reading/Writing
Stuart Dawson	Parent Governor	Special Educational Needs (SEN)
Matt Wheeler	Parent Governor	Early Years
Rebecca Franczak	Staff Governor	

Vacancy

The Board currently have a vacancy for someone to join as a co-opted Governor.

Time Commitment

Governors should attend the Board meetings, 6 in total. These are held once a term throughout the year. Governors must also attend training sessions, which are provided by the White Horse Federation.

Governors are also required to meet with staff during term time to discuss issues highlighted on the School Improvement Plan and to monitor progress. All visits need to be recorded and you will be asked to report back to the rest of the Board at our meetings. We also have regular 'walk the school' sessions, the dates of which are set at the beginning of the academic year.

Interested?

To apply for the position please put together a short paragraph as to why you are interested in the role of Governor and what skills you would bring to the Board. Send your application to the Chair, Bryony Hallows at chair@thecroft.swindon.sch.uk by **midnight February 7th 2020**.

All applications will be considered by the Board and the members will vote on who they would like to join. Please note that the appointment of a successful candidate is dependent on a clear DBS check.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you.

Croft LBG
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