



Welcome from Chair of Governors

I firstly write to you to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors for Bedford Drive Primary School. In September, Mr John took the difficult decision to resign from his post as Chair of Governors, after 12 years with us. He has shown upmost support and dedication to our school community and we were very sorry to see him go. During our Business Meeting in September, I was elected as Chair and it is a great honour to support school in this role as we grow our Governing Body.

As Governors, we are very proud to be part of the local community and are fully committed to working with Mrs Bridges and her staff, the children and parents/carers to ensure that we keep encouraging our pupils to Inspire each other, Believe in themselves and Succeed in all areas of life!

Part of our role as a Governing body is to set the vision and strategic direction of the school and to achieve this we have worked with the school leadership team to identify where the school needs to improve to ensure your child receives the best possible education they can in a safe, secure and nurturing environment.

The past two-school years has seen the school face some unforeseeable and unique challenges, but the staff and children have risen to the task admirably. While we still live and work in uncertain times, I am especially impressed at how the school has adapted to the 'new normal' along with the school community and the world at large. We are very much looking forward to when we can get back to a degree of 'old normal' in school and society!

Our Governing body consists of a diverse group of people from different walks of life, including parents: the different skill set each governor brings allows us to effectively support and challenge the leadership team as a 'critical friend'. All with the aim of improving all aspects of the school, including raising attainment and achievement and ensuring your child's needs are carefully met.

I have been a governor at BDPS for the past 10 years and in this relatively short period of time, the school has changed greatly. OFSTED rates Bedford Drive Primary School as 'Good' and as a caring school and one where the entire team work hard to give every child the best possible experience and education. As such, I am extremely proud to be part of the Bedford Drive team and I know my fellow governors all feel the same way.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families at Bedford Drive Primary School a very Happy Christmas.

Mr Don Williamson—Chair of Governors



Bedford Drive Governing Body Newsletter - December '21

What is the Governing Body here to do?

The Governing Body is currently made-up of:

- 2 parent governors;
- 1 LA governors;
- 2 staff governors (including the headteacher);
- 5 co-opted governors (2 vacancies)

The role of Governing Body is to look at the strategic direction, or the “bigger picture”, for the school, not the day to day running of the school.

We do this through our committee and Full Governing Body meetings, where we look closely at school data, implement and monitor policies, ensure government legislation is implemented. We also make sure that resources, including staffing, are managed and we see that a safe environment is provided for our pupils whilst in school. All decisions are made with the pupils’ interests at heart while keeping within a set budget.

You can read more about our current board on our website.

As a governing body we meet once a term as a Full Board, as well as meeting once a term in the various committees set-up to govern particular areas of the school. These are; Finance, Pay and Personnel, Health and Safety, Outcomes and Safeguarding. During these meetings we discuss and review a wide range of topics and scrutinise data and decisions to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children at Bedford Drive Primary School. This year we will be focusing on supporting Mrs Bridges and her team return to pre-pandemic life in terms of the curriculum and ensuring that this is broad and balanced.

Meet the Governing Body



Don Williamson
Chair of Governors



Lynne Hayes
Vice Chair of Governors



Carla Williams
Co-opted Governor



Simon Sloan
Co-opted Governor



Di Hollis
Co-opted Governor



Mary Cotter
Parent Governor



Sarah Jones
Parent Governor



Vacancy
Co-opted Governor



Stacey Lewis
Staff Governor



Rebecca Bridges
Staff Governor