

Governors Welcome Newsletter 2021



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the school year already and governors have been so impressed with the resilience shown by families and staff during the last few difficult months.

New Governors

Tom Wilkins and Olwen Brockway join the Local Governing body as Foundation Governors, both have strong connections with St Marks and Wyndham Park as well as the local churches. I would also like to welcome Hannah Martin on board as a staff governor.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to Mark Helliker, a parent governor who has been a huge advocate for families at the Primary.

We now have a vacancy for another parent governor with a Health and Safety interest. Please contact the clerk for more information.

Meetings

The Governing Body met on 13th September and 8th November. Over the last few weeks we approved our objectives and plans and met with the Trustees to discuss and monitor Standards.

The minutes of all meetings are available to the public, (unless confidential) through our Clerk at clerk@sret.uk

I am looking forward to working with parents and the school community over this year.

Best wishes

Jenny Baylis
Interim Chair of Governors

Local Governing Body Meetings dates

8 November 2021
17 January 2022
14 March 2022
16 May 2022
18 July 2022

Standards Meeting

17 November 2021
24 January 2022
15 July 2022

How to contact us

If you would like to contact the Governors to raise any issue in confidence, you can do so by letter or email.
primarychair@sret.uk
clerk@sret.uk

For more information, visit our Governors page on the school website.
<https://www.wyndhampark.wilts.sch.uk/our-school/our-governors>

<https://www.st-marks.wilts.sch.uk/page/governors/79627>

Our Vision

'We exist to change lives for the better'

Our Values and Beliefs

'Our values of inclusion, aspiration, achievement and fulfilment shine out from our beliefs'

Our Behaviours

'We exist to change lives for the better'

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I have been a governor at Exeter House for around 12 years, originally as a parent governor. My youngest attended St Marks Junior School and went on to Trafalgar School in Downton.

I work at Roche Court Sculpture Park in East Winterslow in the gallery and freelance for the Roche Court Education Trust. I have a background in the Arts.

The Role of the Governor?

The governing board provides strategic leadership and accountability in schools. It has three key functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
2. Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the performance management of staff
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

NGA recognises the following as the fourth core function of governance:

4. Ensuring the voices of stakeholders are heard

The School Development Plan

Over the year we will be monitoring each school's Development Plan through visits to school and working closely with staff. These can be found on each schools website and is divided into four main areas:

1. Leadership and Management
2. Quality of Education
3. Personal Development, behaviour and attitudes
4. Finance, health and safety, resource development, investment and improvement

Governors

Jenny Baylis (Interim Chair)
Mike Thain (Vice Chair and Parent)
Annette Corley (Co-Opted)
VACANT (Parent)
Hannah Martin (Staff)
Megan Cheetham (Staff)
Tom Wilkins (Foundation)
Olwen Brockway (Foundation)

Link responsibilities

Quality of Education

Mike Thain
Annette Corley
Jenny Baylis

Behaviour, Attitudes and Personal Development

Annette Corley
Olwen Brockway

Leadership and Management

Mike Thain

Health and Safety

Vacant

Safeguarding

Annette Corley

SEND and Inclusion

Jenny Baylis

Finance and Restricted Funding

Jenny Baylis
Mike Thain

Foundation

Olwen Brookway
Tom Wilkins

Wellbeing

Olwen Brockway
Tom Wilkins
Annette Corley

Stakeholders

All governors