

## Could you be a Governor at our school?

Well – we are all living through some very interesting times. The Covid-19 pandemic seems to have turned our whole world upside down. After months of being closed the Governing Body are really happy that the school is now open again and we can get back to some semblance of normality. Not that having all the children segregated into ‘bubbles’ can in any way be described as normal. All of our staff deserve enormous thanks for their efforts both during lockdown and in preparing for and implementing the reopening of the school. Their commitment, innovation and flexibility have been exemplary.

The **Governing Body** is essential to the maintenance and growth of the school. They provide vision, ethos and both strategic and financial direction. They also hold the Head Teacher to account for the performance of the pupils and the management of staff. Being a governor is also very rewarding – it can enable you to impact on the school in a positive way. There are currently several vacancies for governors and it is essential they are filled as soon as possible for the continuing improvement of the school. We are particularly keen to recruit governors with Finance, Legal and HR Management skills. Please consider carefully the next new governor could be you, whether you’re a parent at the school, a member of Wingrave Church or a public spirited member of the community. **Don’t assume that someone else will fill the role!**

We hope that our returning children are now settled into the new academic year at Wingrave Church of England Combined School and we would have extended a particularly warm welcome to the parents of children who have joined the school for the first time this year. The Governing Body want the children to **believe** that they will **achieve** their full potential in our school and that they will **enjoy** their time with us. Our vision is embodied in our Learning Tree, which symbolises the growth the school has achieved and will continue to achieve. The tree echoes our Growth Mindset approach and it reflects our rural setting. This symbol has been developed collaboratively by the children, staff, parents and governors. We are also very proud that we were rated as ‘continuing to be a good school’ by Ofsted after their last inspection visit in November 2019. We particularly liked the opening comment in the report – ‘Pupils love coming to school’. Follow the link on our website to see the complete report.

Although the school is operating in a very different way this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Governing Body is committed to maintaining our Christian ethos. We will do all we can to protect the health and wellbeing of all of our pupils and staff. But we will need the support of both parents and governors to operate within the new procedures.

The Head Teacher, Mr Tomson, has also published a new virtual tour of the school on the website. This is intended mainly for parents of prospective new pupils, as we cannot allow school tours under the current restrictions, but you may also find it an interesting insight into how the school is operating.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

**We ask for your help to continue to improve the school.** Becoming a governor can be very rewarding. The full Governing Body, and both of the subcommittees (Finance, Premises and Personnel FPP and Curriculum, Community and Pupil CCP) each meet once a term. And governors normally take on a particular subject area, e.g. Numeracy, Literacy, Pupil Premium, Special Educational Needs SEN, etc. in which they take a particular interest.

If you would like to know more about being a governor, then please speak to Mr. Tomson, Head Teacher, in the first instance, or complete the nomination form on the web site.



Maureen Lomas - Chair of Governing Body

