



# Governing Body update

March 2013

## Spring term update

The inaugural meeting of the new Governing Body met on Tuesday 26 March 2013. If you recall the decision was taken in January to establish a new Instrument of Government in line with new government guidance and in order to further support the school in moving quickly towards a 'good rating'. Parents and carers can be rest assured that new Governing Body will continue with the improvements that the school have already initiated and as outlined by the [HMI \(Her Majesty's Inspectorate\) post inspection report](#).

This meeting focussed on setting up the new structure, appointing the chair and vice chair as well setting the calendar of meetings.

## Your new governing body

Name	Governor type
Councillor Mike Hardacre (chair)	Local authority
Councillor Julie Hodgkiss (vice-chair)	Co-opted
Mat Alcock	Head Teacher
Shelley Brooks	Parent
Jane Stack	Co-opted
Russell Stanley	Co-opted
Karen Titley	Staff
Emma Thackwray	Co-opted
Ann Turley	Parent

## The role of the governing body

The Governing Body has an important role in the smooth running of the school and is responsible for:

- Aims and policies
- Appointment of staff
- Special educational needs
- Relations between the school and the community
- Use of the school premises
- Agreeing and monitoring the school improvement plan
- Equal opportunities
- Management of the school budget
- Admissions
- Discipline and attendance
- Complaints procedures
- Charging arrangements
- Provision for sex education

All of these areas develop through a partnership between the head teacher, school staff and local authority.

The **Governing Body** has decided to continue to meet **three times per term**, once as a full governing body and twice in two sub committees (as listed overleaf).



**Committees** (\*indicates meetings held only when required)

Finance and General Purposes	Pupil discipline*	Dismissal appeal*
Curriculum	Staff dismissal *	Pay appeal Committee*
Performance Management		

The head teacher will continue to produce a detailed progress report for all full Governing Body meetings as well as other reports where required or specifically requested. This will allow the governing body to carefully scrutinise the school's performance and where necessary make decisions to prevent under performance.

The Governing Body also wants to understand where the school is excelling and give praise and support accordingly.

We will also be looking to our school improvement partner (from the local authority) to help us focus on the areas we need to improve.

**If you have any queries about this newsletter or would like to contact the Governing Body please telephone or email the school or contact Ruth Mashiter, Governor Clerk, Wolverhampton City Council 01902 558220.**

**We would like to wish all parents, pupils, staff and governors a happy Easter break.**