



# Governor Newsletter

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## Welcome to the Town Field Primary Governing Body Newsletter

### Who are the Governing Body?

Governors are volunteers who have the overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governors consider Town Field Primary as a special place where teachers and staff, led by the Headteacher work hard all the year round to ensure all pupils have the best opportunity to succeed - not just academically but into becoming well rounded members of the community. This term we welcome two new parent governors to the governing body; Kevin Morrow and Phillip Sheppard, alongside Parent Governors Sian Derry (see below) and Michelle Martin who have been reappointed for another term. There are now ten governors in total representing the school. Parent governors are a vital part of the governing body. Their parental input represents the thoughts and concerns of all parents of children at Town Field. Currently the school serves 460 children from our community and as always, all governors continue to support the school in ensuring they have the best teaching and learning experiences possible.

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### Governor Focus Sian Derry

“I am a passionate and enthusiastic teacher of Drama and Theatre Studies at South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College, and Subject Lead for Drama at the Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training School. I have been in the teaching profession for over 14 years. I have been a Parent Governor at Town Field Primary School since 2018 and have recently applied to run for a second term. I have a daughter in Year 4 who loves the school and thrives in the nurturing environment that the school provides. As a Parent Governor I have a strong understanding of whole school vision, ethos, and strategic developments. The role has been such an enriching experience. I pride myself on having secure knowledge regarding the role that the Governing body have in contributing to the wider community and the positive ethos and values of the school. I have a very keen interest in the teaching and learning element and Chair the Curriculum and Student Experience Committee.

Town Field Primary is such a special place, filled with amazing staff, students, and parents. It is an absolute pleasure to feel part of this wonderful team!”

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### Ofsted

At the beginning of the term, the school received its report from Ofsted (the Government's school inspection body) from the inspection held in June. This report was made available for parents and is on the school website should you wish to read it. We are pleased that the hard work of the school has been recognised as we received the category “Good”. Having been formally recognised as a good school we are now in a position to explore new ways to continue improving.

## Work of Governors this term:

Governors this (autumn) term have been looking at the following;

Monitoring of the school budget - in particular the costs of school trips, breakfast club costs and other rising costs.

Staff training to ensure it is beneficial to all staff in continuing to improve their teaching skills. Recently, with covid restrictions, more training is provided within school or on-line however it is clear that for many staff this is more effective than attending "out of school" courses.

Focusing on writing. We saw how teachers were leading pupils to look at topics such as tigers and owls and then use their imagination and develop their ideas to write in different ways about the topics. During this year, a big school priority is to help pupils to get better at writing.

How the "Little Wandle" reading scheme is helping children to learn to read well, especially where parents, carers and family are able to read with their children.

We have looked at the SATS results from the summer tests. The results present many statistics for reading, writing, maths and science. The results show that some pupils learning is still being affected by the covid restrictions, nevertheless results show how well the school continues to support all pupils.

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## Rose Learning Trust

The school continues its journey toward joining the Rose Learning Trust which we expect to take place early next year. Our plans received formal approval in October and Mrs Honeybone will keep everyone informed of any changes, although we expect these to be minimal in the day to day running of the school. A key reason for joining this trust is its support for keeping the individuality of our school and its ethos of schools working and learning together. We expect that belonging to the trust will support the continued improvement of the school and bring extra expertise to Town Field Primary as well as opportunities for our school to help others.

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Contacting the governors - If you would like to contact the school governors about a governance issue, you can contact them through the school office on: 01302 362198 or email: [admin@townfield.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:admin@townfield.doncaster.sch.uk)

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## Thank You!

This autumn term always seems a long term with new pupils and new classes as well as continuing to absorb the legacy of covid. We want to say a big thank you to all staff and parents for supporting the learning of all our children. We wish everyone a joyous and peaceful Christmas break.

