



TEMPLE SOWERBY CE SCHOOL

"Living for learning; Learning for life."

Board of Governors Newsletter

Autumn Term - November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governors and I wanted to take this opportunity to launch our new termly newsletter. Whilst many of you will know that the school has a Governing Board, we felt it would be useful for us to share with the whole community the work that takes place to support the school. Through our newsletters, we want to introduce all our governors, share information about our role and share news about the work that we are all doing to improve our school.

What is a Governing Body?

Whilst the Headteacher is responsible for the operational or day to day running of the school, the governing body is responsible for the strategic management of the school. This includes all aspects of academic performance and financial management. A governing body includes members from a wide range of backgrounds. At Temple Sowerby we currently have 8 governors ranging from those who have recently joined to some with over 9 years of experience of being on a governing body. We currently have 2 vacancies for community governors (non parent).

How is the Governing Body organised?

A full Governing Body meeting, that all governors attend is held once a term. In support of this we have a Resources and Finance committee which discusses financial, premises, health and safety and staffing related matters, a Teaching and Learning committee that covers curriculum and academic issues, a Safeguarding committee which attends to safeguarding matters and a Marketing committee which looks at promoting the school. We also have nominated governors responsible for specific subject areas as well as key areas such as Safeguarding, SEN & Pupil Premium, Health & Safety, Staff Workload & Wellbeing and School Council

This is my first year as Chair of Governors and I am supported by Chris Eva who is the Vice Chair of Governors. We hope that you find the information in our first newsletter valuable and that it gives you an insight into how our work contributes to school life.

Warmest Wishes,
Hannah Cleasby (Chair of Governors)

Contacting the Governing Board?

Via - Angela Harrison, Clerk to Governors



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Our Priorities for 2022-23

Each year we produce a school improvement plan. This sets out our priorities for, development for the year ahead. This year we are:

Objective 1 - Leadership and Management

- **Governance** - appointing and training new governors and reviewing the school vision;
- **Communication** - managing transfer of content to new website, updating website images and arranging training;
- **Attendance** - updating the attendance policy and communicating this with parents to promote high attendance

Objective 2 - Quality of Education

- **Subject Leadership** - continuing dedicated non contact time to enable focus on ensuring clear progression of knowledge and skills across school;
- **Curriculum** - continuing 'Maths Mastery' programme and access Mastering Numbers CPD. Providing further enrichment across the curriculum (music instrumental group work and STEM initiatives)

Objective 3 - Behaviour and Attitudes

- **School Values** - continuing to develop children's understanding of school values and providing opportunities for children to discuss concerns and improve social skills;

Objective 4 Personal Development

- **RHSE** - further enhancing the RHSE rolling programme of specialist teacher visits;
- **Responsibility** - using the 'Junior Dukes' programme to help children become more responsible, self-confident and promote their wellbeing;

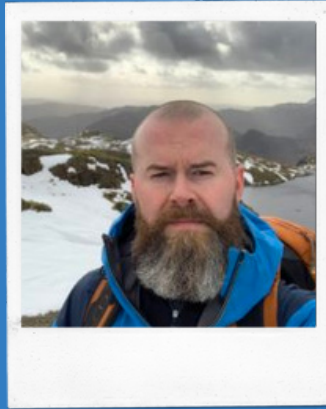
Objective 5 - Phonics

- **Phonics** - building on existing 'Little Wandle' staff training to develop staff capacity and provide a range of support.

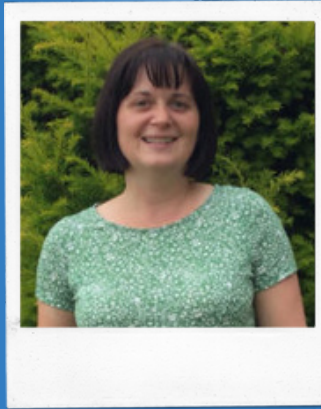
Who are the governors?



Hannah Cleasby
LA Governor & Chair
of Governors



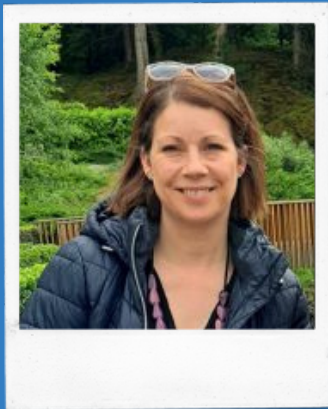
Chris Eva
Co-opted Governor
& Vice Chair



Olivia Colbear
Parent Governor



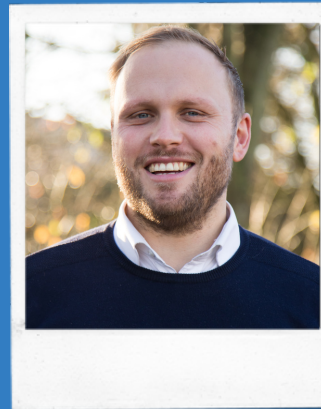
Lisa Cowperthwaite
Parent Governor



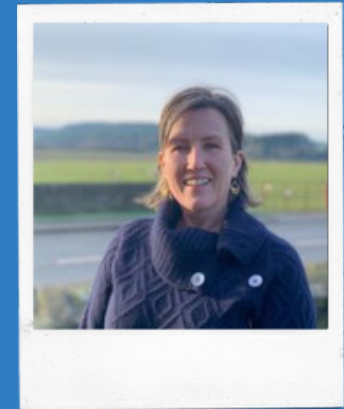
Jenny Hollando
Parent Governor



Karl Laithwaite
Head Teacher
Governor



James Farmer
Teacher Governor



Rowena Whitchell
Foundation CoE
Governor



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We currently have vacancies on the governing board for two non-parent governors. If you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a governor, they can register their interest by contacting Angela Harrison on 017683 61512 / clerk@temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk

The board could benefit from individuals with knowledge / skills within the areas of law, health and safety and HR - although these are not absolute requirements and all enquiries are welcome.

Spring Term Meetings

Teaching and Learning Sub-Committee - 3.30pm, Tuesday 17th January 2023

Resources and Finance Sub Committee - 4.00pm, Thursday 26th January 2023

Board of Governors - 7.00pm, Thursday 9th February 2023