



Be the best you can be, every day

Thursday 28th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I became Chair of Governors at the start of the 2018/9 Academic year, taking over from Spencer King. On behalf of the Governing Board and the School I would like to expressly thank Spencer for all his hard work both as a Governor and then as Chair of Governors.

As we approach the mid-point of the School year, I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the work the Governors are doing.

For context, as a Governing Board we have three core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure the money is well spent

To deliver on the above, we focus our efforts and organise as a Board around the following core areas:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding
- Health and Safety including eSafety, Website Compliance and Data Governance
- Finance including Audit and Inspection Resolution
- Resources and Facilities including Premises, Outdoor Learning and Healthy Eating
- Educational Outcomes and SEND
- Staff Performance Management
- School Strategy, Communication and Marketing
- Governor Training and Development

In each area we work closely with Mrs Douglass and the School to assess and monitor performance through the year.

As a Governing Board we are very keen to keep in contact with you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at governors@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk. For further details on the Governing Board please see the School website.

Best wishes,

Paul Rode
Chair of Governors, North Downs Primary School