

Dear Parents and Carers,

After 16 years of being a school governor at Galley Hill, and the last 5 being Chair, I have made the tough decision to resign and hand over the reins to somebody else. I have met some wonderful pupils, parents and staff over the years. I have seen children make huge achievements and staff nurture each child to bring out the best in every one of them. I will miss everyone and wish you all the very best for the future. We also say Thank you to Mrs Pritchett whose 4-year term as Staff governor comes to an end.

Safeguarding

Monitoring of safeguarding has continued this term. We have had our 5-year Health and Safety audit, which showed we have good compliance. Our Health and Safety governor continues her inspections termly.

Alongside RM SafetyNet, our filtering and monitoring system, we have introduced Senso, a highly sensitive, live monitoring programme that will alert identified staff via email if anyone on the school network types particular trigger words. Any logged violations are checked by our IT technician so that nothing is missed. A governor meets termly with our Designated Safeguarding lead and IT technician for any updates.

Our Safeguarding governor monitors all areas of safeguarding every half term. This includes talking to various children. The pupils are always extremely polite and very knowledgeable about how they are kept safe in school and when online. They are a real credit.

Attendance

Unfortunately, attendance is still not where we would like it to be. There is a new national framework for unauthorised absences, notification of this was recently sent to parents/carers, this includes an increase of fines issued. If your child's attendance during the school year is 95% your child would have missed approximately 9 days of school, around 50 lessons.

Parents

This term the RSHE policy and programme was discussed. Our PSHE lead, pastoral lead and the Head have worked alongside the Herts for Learning PSHE adviser to revise and refine our curriculum and policy. The final version of the policy and programme overview has been opened to parents for consultation. We look forward to sharing responses in the Autumn term.

Kerry Edwards. Chair of Governors – on behalf of the governing body

GALLEY HILL SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Governing body consists of 12 Governors, and an associate member.

Categories of governor include: Co-opted, staff, parent, and Local Authority.

Headteacher:

Mrs E Birch

Associate Governor:

Deputy Head: Miss S Elsey

Co-opted Governors:

Kerry Edwards – Chair–
Tracey Hunter - Vice Chair-
Karen Cleveland Marwick
Leah Pearce
Marian Sparrow
Kirstene Cutler

Staff Governor:

Mrs H Pritchett

Local Authority:

Ruth Mason

Parent Governors:

Bob Mackenzie
Chris Allgrove
Helen Birch