

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is almost upon us as we come to the end of a very busy Autumn Term at Kirk Fenton School. I am still relatively new to the school having become a Trust appointed Governor in the Summer Term and then becoming Chair in September. I am still learning names and finding my way around! What I have already found is a lovely school with wonderful children and staff who are committed to providing the best education for them.

The Governing Body has been very busy behind the scenes. Our role is a strategic one. We are the critical friend of the school, holding leaders to account and monitoring the School Development Plan and finances. We are all volunteers, but we take our role very seriously. It is also a time commitment and we are often in school during the day as well as at meetings in the evenings. As a Local Governing Body we are accountable to the Trust Board.

As in all schools nationally, our budget is very tight, and Governors work closely with the Headteacher and Trust to maintain the highest standards with very little money. Let's hope that the promises made by party leaders pre-election will result in extra funding for schools next year!

We were delighted by the SIAMs inspection report earlier this term. It was well deserved and reflected the ethos of Kirk Fenton and the commitment of all to a loving and inclusive school community.

The staff is currently working hard with other members of the Trust to develop the curriculum for children aged 4 to 15. We were impressed by the enthusiasm and professionalism of some teachers who explained to Governors how this is working and the plans going forward. It is exciting!

I attended some Pupil Progress Meetings and, again, I was impressed by how the teachers know the children so well and how they have analysed their educational needs based on this knowledge and on data. They have set high, but realistic expectations for every child.

The future of Kirk Fenton is looking good and I, for one, am delighted to be part of the journey going forward.

Below is a list of current school Governors. If you wish to contact us, you can do so through the school office.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year

Carole Middleton
Chair of Governors

Carole Middleton – Chair of Governors, Trust Appointed
Shari Williams – Vice Chair, Foundation Governor
Karen Parnaby – Staff Governor
Joseph Miller – Trust Appointed
Amanda Peace – Parent Governor

Helen Darnton – Parent Governor
Rev. Simon Biddlestone – Ex Officio Foundation Governor
Karen Williams – Head Teacher