



Wednesday 29th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

My word, this half term is flying by! As we hurtle toward Christmas, there are a few things that I wanted to update you on.

Governor vacancies

For a while now we have had a parent governor vacancy, and two co-opted governor vacancies on our governing body.

More recently, with Reverend Andrew Porter moving to a new church, we have an additional vacancy. This left only three non- staff governors, which can be problematic for quoracy during meetings.

Alicia Price, a governor at Bleasby Primary has very kindly agreed to join our governing body on a temporary basis while we continue to try and fill our vacancies. So, I am sending a plea out for our parents/carers to help in a couple of ways please.

Firstly, could you please give some serious consideration to joining our governing body as a parent governor. We meet 6 times a year (once per half term) at 7pm on Thursdays. Three of these meetings are in person and three are remote over Teams. Our meetings generally last 2 hours, where we work through an agenda that includes finance, quality of education, policy review, and strategic vision for our school. In addition to our meetings, governors will have a couple of link roles that we ask are monitored (with support).

If you think you would be interested, please let me know, and we can arrange a more detailed chat about this volunteer role.

Secondly, if you know of anyone that may be interested in one of our co-opted governor roles, please ask them to get in touch. Below is a table showing our governing body as it currently stands.

Name of governor	Governor post
Ian Baird-Smith	Co-opted governor and Chair
Katy Riordan	Parent governor and Deputy Chair
Christine Cross	Foundation governor
Alicia Price	Co-opted governing (temporary)
Jemma Johnson-Cooper	Staff governor
Marie Thompson	Headteacher
Vacancy	Foundation governor
Vacancy	Parent governor
Vacancy	Co-opted governor

RSE policy consultation

Our Relationship and Sex Education Policy is in the process of being reviewed this half term. It has been shared with staff and governors, and in line with best practice, we are having a consultation period for you as parents/carers to share your views for consideration as part of this policy review.

I am sending out the draft policy along with this letter for you to look at. If you have any feedback to share, please send to me at head@southwellhollytrinity.org.uk by Friday 15thth December.

Parking

I have received a couple of emails of concern recently in relation to our school community parking on Coghill Court. I believe that concerns are from a congestion point of view and some parking that blocks residents from entering and exiting their parking spots/drives. Can I kindly request that we use Westgate and Hillside at drop off and pick up times please. Thank you for your support with this.

With Christmas activities about to commence, I am off to have a rummage in my wardrobe for my Christmas jumper and Christmas pudding earrings ready for all the festive fun!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Thompson

Headteacher