IVY CHIMNEYS GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP

Welcome to the first edition of the Governors' Newsletter, also available on the school website:

https://www.ivychimneys.net/governors-newsletters/

WHO ARE THE GOVERNORS?

The Governing Body are a collection of volunteers who sit on the school's governing board and work with the school to ensure they improve each year.
Governors attend meetings during the school year to discuss the school's progress. The core functions are:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff, and
- overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

For more information on the roles and responsibilities of governors please visit:

https://www.essex.gov.uk/school-governors

THE GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body have recently restructured to echo the onset of the new OFSTED Assessment Framework. Our current Governors are: David Cooper (Chair), Michael Lawrence (Vice-Chair), Lara Gardiner (Vice-Chair), Victoria Hedlund (Parent Governor), Sarah Fulbrook (Parent Governor), Andy Jones (Staff Governor), Rebecca Sigston (ex-officio), Toby Kinsey and Lee Brown. You can find more details on the specific roles and responsibilities here:

https://www.ivychimneys.net/meet-the-governors/

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Governing Body has created a document that details their work, plans and reflection on the previous academic year. This is an annual document and will be available retrospectively for each academic year. You can find this document here:

https://www.ivychimneys.net/annual-governance-statement/

Epping Forest Schools Partnership Trust
"Unlocking the potential of collaboration"

TRUST NEWS

Since the conversion to an Academy and the joining of the Epping Forest Schools' Partnership Trust in 2018 the school has received many benefits, including high quality CPD opportunities. If you would like more information on the vision and plans of the Trust, please visit:

http://efspt.org/

STAFFING

The start of 2020 sees a complete staff complement for Ivy Chimneys. The Autumn term saw the completion of our Leadership team with Ms Sigston and Mr Jones as Head and Deputy Head, respectively. We would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment during this term and for the enjoyable Christmas activities.

GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

The Autumn term saw some changes in the composition and organisation of the Governing Body. Cat Hines resigned as Vice-Chair and was replaced in the role by Michael Lawrence and Lara Gardiner. The Governing Body was delighted to appoint Lee Brown and we welcome him to the team. We currently have one Trust vacancy and are in the process of filling this. For information on each governor please visit:

https://www.ivychimneys.net/meet-the-governors/

GOVERNOR TRAINING

The Governing Body has been fortunate enough to benefit from various training opportunities offered by the Trust since joining. Most recently these have included general governor induction training for new joiners, advice around maintaining a mentally healthy school (for staff and pupils alike) and Ofsted Inspector led training concerning the new Ofsted framework. Governors tasked with specialist remits have also received training for their specific roles.

CONTACT

If you would like to contact the Governing Body please email: gb@ivychimneys.net