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## Local Governing Body Information & News Update

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope that you are all enjoying the Summer Term at Wrotham Road Primary School. The Local Governing Body of Wrotham Road have put together this short newsletter to give you a broad overview of our work behind the scenes at our school. Although some of the board responsibilities have now moved over to The Pathway Academy Trust much of the key monitoring continues to be overseen at a local level by your Governing body. This includes, crucially, the quality of teaching and learning within the school.

### Who are the members of the WRCP Governing body?

The Governing Body is a minimum of five and a maximum of ten members, to include:

- At least two parents of children at the school
- Head Teacher / Head of School
- One staff member of the school

Your school Governors are: **Mrs Sarah Green** – Head Teacher; **Mr Mark Whitehouse** – Acting Chair; **Mrs Lucy Hornby** – Chair (currently on leave); **Mr John Webster**; **Ms Gurpreet Saib**; **Mrs Gurneet Bains**; **Mr Jeremy Bownas**; **Mrs Margaret Tillett**; **Mr John Death**.

### What activity has been undertaken recently?

We meet regularly and actively monitor the school's priorities for improvement. Minutes of our meetings are shared with the Trust Board and noted at their meetings. In our meetings, a member of the Trust Board (the Trust Liaison Officer) attends for part of the meeting to share relevant information and answer any questions we may have. Here is an update on our recent monitoring activity and meetings:

#### 1st May & 3rd July 2019:

These days started, with our full Local Governing Body meeting.

After the completion of the meeting a series of activities and one-to-one meetings with key staff were allocated to each Governor, specific to their role and monitoring responsibilities. In brief we undertook:

- Learning Walks around the school to explore and appreciate the current work displays.
- Governor visits to the infants and junior playgrounds together with canteen to monitor behaviour and safety.
- Effectiveness of EYFS (Early Years and Foundation Stage i.e. Reception Class) with key school personnel.
- Extensive update of SEND activities with SEN leaders.
- New Curriculum update - next steps review.
- Maths observations and work book examinations - discussion of outcomes for pupils.
- Quality of teaching/NQT updates

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As this academic year comes to a close, we are also working outside of meetings to ensure that we have completed any follow-up work that has come out of monitoring visits. Additionally all Governors with key area responsibilities are now actively involved in sharing advice and good practice models with other Trust schools.

### The Pathway Academy Trust News

The Trust is now made up of five Gravesham primary schools – Culverstone Green Primary, Riverview Infant and Junior Schools, Wrotham Road Primary and Meopham Community Academy.

Three schools in the Trust had Ofsted inspections in the Autumn Term with the following outcomes:

- **Riverview Infant School** – Good (with the recommendation that the next inspection be a Section 5 – meaning that the school may have seen improvements that could lead to an Outstanding judgement).
- **Meopham Community Academy** – Good.
- **Culverstone Green Primary School** – Good.

Recently Directors of TPAT and all of the schools' Local Governing Bodies met to learn more about the Trust's strategic vision for school improvement and how this works in practice. This session was led by the Trust's Director of Education, Mrs Nicole Caulfield and CEO, Mrs Ruth Doughty. The Head Teachers of each school then gave a presentation on their school's characteristics. This session was invaluable in highlighting the wealth of experience (both in leadership, teaching and governance) across the five schools. Collaboration and the sharing of expertise are both going on now and all of the schools are benefiting in some way. As a Local Governing Body, we have the opportunity to meet with Local Governors from other Trust schools, see what we can learn from others and share what works well for us.

We hope that this provides you with some more insight into our work. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us via the School Office if you would like more information.

Kind regards,  
Wrotham Road Primary School Governing Body members

