

Governor Newsletter 1

Right Start - Bright Future

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to bring you the very first edition of our Governors' newsletter! We believe it's important for you to know more about how we support Wellington Primary School. Our aim is to keep you informed about the activities and decisions made by the Governing Body and how they impact our wonderful school community.

What Do We Do?

Working closely with the Headteacher, we make key decisions to ensure:

- Our school's values and goals meet the needs of our community.
- High educational standards are set and achieved.
- The school's finances are well-managed and benefit the children.
- Everyone in our school is safe.

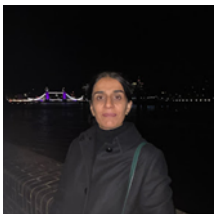
We also appoint the Headteacher and address any unresolved complaints.

For everyday matters and routine inquiries, please contact the Headteacher and staff directly. However, we love hearing your thoughts about the school. You can reach us through the Headteacher or the school office.

Our full Governing Body meets once a term, and subcommittees meet regularly to report back. These subcommittees include:

- Pupils, Curriculum & Standards
- Resources

SEND/PUPIL Premium Governor Message



Hello! I'm Satbir Sidhu, and I'm currently a Deputy Head/SENCO at another primary school in Hounslow, where I've been for 19 years. I hold a master's in Educational Psychology from the University of Manchester and have a passion for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

As the SEND/PPG Governor, I meet with staff to discuss Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) and SEND provision. My role includes ensuring that planned actions are taken, staff training is completed, and children with SEND are making progress. I report these details to the Governing Body.

Currently, more children with complex needs are entering mainstream schools, and Wellington has noticed this too. These children require more support and interventions, which impacts our budget. However, our dedicated and skilled staff, led by Louise Gleeson, our Deputy Head of Inclusion, ensure that all our SEND children achieve their best. Our Teaching Assistants (TAs) continually develop their skills and take on new challenges, providing excellent support. We are also grateful for our teachers, who are committed to providing the best education possible.



Governor Visit Morning

Each term, governors visit the school during the day. The visit includes visiting classrooms, speaking to children, and meeting with staff. This provides an opportunity to compare what we see with what we understand from the termly reports we receive from the Headteacher. This term, on June 20th the visit was to the Juniors with a focus on how well leaders ensure that subject content is taught systematically to ensure that pupils acquire intended knowledge and skills. We are pleased to inform you that in every class that we visited, there was consistency of practice, high expectations, quality of learning approaches, and the learning environment was rich and promoted responsibility and independence for students, as well as celebrating pupils' achievements and supporting teaching and learning. We looked at children's work outcomes as well as discussing their learning with them. We were very impressed with the strong knowledge children hold and what they can remember from their previous learning. The quality of education is exceptionally strong and of a high calibre across the school. Pupils are highly respectful of each other and of adults. Pupils' exemplary attitudes mean that everyone can learn without disruptions. Staff and pupils are passionate about learning, and this is evident within the school as there is a real sense of pride and a love of learning culture within the school.

Attendance

Attendance is crucial for a child's education. Our overall attendance rate is 93.9%, with a 2.4% increase recently. While this is a positive trend, we continue to focus on reducing persistent absences. This year, we've enhanced our support for families with high absence rates. Aisha Sheik, our Education Welfare Officer, and Kuldip Kahlon, our Attendance Champion Deputy Head, have worked hard to promote the importance of regular attendance. Their efforts in building trust with families and offering support have been invaluable.

Celebrating Success

We've had many wonderful events this summer term, including our fantastic Sports Day! These events showcase our vibrant school community and the achievements of our children.



Final Farewell

Goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 pupils! Thank you for your hard work and contributions over the years at Wellington Primary. We wish you the very best for your future!

We look forward to sharing more updates with you in the future!

Warm regards,

Satbir Sidhu

On behalf of The Governing Body of Wellington Primary School