

Governors' Reports 2023/2024

The school has a board of governors that meets regularly throughout the school year. Most of the day-to-day governors' work is carried out by three committees – Curriculum, Personnel and Finance, and Premises and Communications. If you are interested to learn more about the governors' role, please contact the school office.

Curriculum

The children's safety in school is one of our highest priorities and safeguarding throughout the school is monitored and reviewed regularly by the governors. We have continued to support the Headteacher and staff in ensuring that your children have a rich and creative curriculum and that their individual and particular needs are met during their time in the school. We understand the importance of providing opportunities for the children to experience activities both within and beyond the school including outdoor learning, sport and the arts as well as covering the core curriculum subjects. We monitor Pupil Premium and Sports Premium grants to ensure the grants are fairly and equitably spent and we review various policies each year to ensure they are up to date and fit for purpose. Another key role is to monitor standards and progress and designated governors meet with subject leaders termly to keep in touch with what your children are learning as well as talking to some of the children about their learning to ensure their voice is heard.

Jan Legge, chair of the Curriculum Committee

PremComCom

We advise on matters such as maintenance and the development of the premises. Recently we've been looking at everything from the toilets to trees! We also monitor and discuss the breakfast and after school clubs – both of which are going great guns, so huge thanks to the staff involved, and we liaise with Stepping Stones. We check that lines of communication are working for children, staff, parents and carers, the local community and other stakeholders. We promote stories affecting the school – you may have seen coverage for our Ocean School Award in recent months? We also run the surveys to check on how parents and carers, and staff, feel about the school.

Tim Morgan, chair of the Premises and Communications Committee

Finance and Personnel

We have had another challenging year managing the financial resources for our amazing school this year. As we know only too well, the cost of living crisis has affected us all and the school budget is also being stretched. We continue to manage the use of our resources as prudently as we can to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for our children. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful staff and parent body to help us make the most of the resources we have and to boost them via the Friends fundraising. The funds that the Friends raise have been more valuable to us than ever in helping to finance trips and extra treats for the children.

Georgia Withers, chair of the Finance and Personnel committee

FULL GOVERNING BOARD

As you would expect the school continues to evolve with many new strategies in place to help encourage pupil and parental involvement. It is essential that all school partners work together to enable our children to make the most of the opportunities available, especially given the increasingly limited resources we have. Volunteers work in all parts of the school, from governors to readers and outside grounds workers and, of course, the Friends, without whose continued efforts, Aldborough Primary School would be a much poorer place. The budget remains tight, (every extra pupil helps so please spread the word about our school!) but, by working as a team, we will continue to strive to give the best for our students and to keep Aldborough a great place to learn and work – and grow!

Richard Hembling. Chair of Governors.