ALDBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNORS' REPORTS SEPTEMBER 2026

FULL GOVERNING BOARD

Looking back over the year the governing board and Aldborough Primary has, along with other schools, faced challenges not least the financial impacts of coping with various unannounced cutbacks on funding streams. We endeavour to make every penny count to provide the best results for our pupils. This approach clearly shows dividends, as Aldborough continues to attract new pupils throughout the year groups and maintains a good intake into reception. The head and all staff are so important in this approach, it is they who make the school what it is. We were fortunate to be assessed on our effectiveness by NCC Governance services last November and achieved a top rating as a board. Thanks must go to everyone who gives their time freely to enable the school to flourish.

If your children attend Aldborough please get involved with the school, it is by working together we will achieve the best for our pupils. If you are looking at us as a prospective school for your children come and have a chat.

We currently have one vacancy for a governor, anyone interested in joining us please contact the school office.

Richard Hembling. Chair of Governors.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

One of our highest priorities is the safety of your children in school and we constantly monitor and review all safeguarding procedures and training. We 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. An important part of this is to ensure there are 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. The SEND governor meets with the SENCO and reports to the committee so that we can monitor SEND provision. We monitor Pupil Premium to ensure the grant is fairly and equitably spent. Along with the other committees, we review policies each year to ensure they are up to date and fit for purpose. We monitor standards and progress relating to your children's learning and designated governors meet with subject leaders termly to keep in touch with what your children are learning as well as talking to the children about their learning to ensure their voice is heard.

Jan Legge, chair of the Curriculum Committee

PREMISES & COMMUNICATIONS

We're lucky to have a relatively new school – *relatively* being the word. It's actually been 16 years since the official opening of the new premises and sadly the strain is beginning to show. From leaky roofs to internet issues, PremComCom has had a busy time trying to keep everything shipshape, for everyone who learns, teaches, works and visits. Despite working to ever tighter budgets, the staff who are tasked with looking after the school are keeping well on top of things and making sure our children have a wonderful environment in which to grow and develop. One of PremComCom's jobs is communication, of which an important part is the annual questionnaire to parents. This is usually carried out during parents' evenings and is a chance for people to let us know what they think – good and bad. However, if you have any comments, suggestions or advice, on any aspect of school life, please don't wait for the questionnaire – let us know right away! On another note, I'm delighted to say that our breakfast and after school clubs are going strong – I'm sure parents would join me in thanking the staff for keeping the children entertained and safe.

Tim Morgan, chair of PremComCom

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

We have had another challenging year managing the financial resources for our amazing school in 2025/2026. As we know only too well, the cost of living crisis continues to affect us all and the school budget is continually being stretched. We are extremely fortunate to have incredible pupil numbers at the moment which helps us considerably, as our funding is largely based on this. We continue to manage our resources as carefully as we can to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for all our children. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff and parent body to help us make the most of the resources we have and to boost them via the Friends fundraising events. The funds that the Friends raise continue to be essential to us in helping to top up our budget with the fun stuff!

Georgia Withers, chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee