

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello there! I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to reach out to you all as the Chair of Governors here. My name is Nick Johnson, and I'm just as passionate about our children's education and well-being as you are.

I thought I would take a moment to say a friendly 'hello' and give you a little insight into what we, as governors, do to make our school the best possible place for your children to learn, grow, and flourish.

The governing body's role is strategic and not operational. The three main areas we get involved in are:

- Maintaining a clear and consistent vision for our school, nurturing its values, and guiding its strategic journey forward.
- Oversight of the educational outcomes and staff performance in the school.
- Ensure that the school's budget is invested wisely.

It's our job to ask probing questions, provide a sounding board for ideas, and make sure everything aligns with our shared goal of offering the highest standard of education.

What we don't do is get involved in any day-to-day operational tasks as we leave that to the experts, the head, and all the staff.

The Head is responsible for the internal organisation, management, and control of the school and for implementing the strategic framework.

In a typical governors meeting, we will examine the current state of the school budget, get oversight into how well the school is progressing against the key areas of the school development plan, and look at reports in areas such as safeguarding, SEND, health and safety and attendance and behaviour.

Governor meeting minutes together with more details of the governing body can be found here <https://www.larkfields-inf.notts.sch.uk/the-governing-body/> A special mention to the three new governors we have taken on recently, Sarah Baryayanga, Carly Allen and George Marshall who are already doing some great work.

Together with the rest of the governing body, we hope to build on the already fantastic efforts of the school and ensure that your children get the best education possible.

Warm regards,

Nick Johnson

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