



# Thrybergh Primary School

## Governor Newsletter

Issue 1

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Welcome to the first Thrybergh Primary School Governors newsletter! It is an aim of our governing body to improve communication between governors, staff, parents and children. Hopefully this newsletter will help meet part of this aim!

Through the newsletter, we plan to share with you who the governors are and what they do. Two of us are parents of children in the school, so please feel free to stop anyone of us on the playground (or anywhere else for that matter) with a question you might have about the school. If we don't know the answer there and then, we'll know someone who does! You may also write to me or anyone of us. Just hand your letter into the office and they will forward it on.

If you wish, you can email us: [typgovernors@rgfl.org](mailto:typgovernors@rgfl.org) and we will reply as quickly as possible.

We hope you enjoy reading!

### What is a governor?

Governors are a group of volunteers who include parents, staff and other members of the local community. We help support the Executive Head Teacher (Mr Jessop) and staff to plan the long term direction of the school and we evaluate the progress. We help set the school's aims and values and are responsible for some staff appointments.

Our role is sometimes described as 'a critical friend'. This does not mean that we are there to criticise the leadership of the school. Instead we try to ask useful questions to gain a greater understanding of the school and foster an ethos of continuous improvement.

### What have we been up to?

*Tracy Paton, our Parent Governor has been in school many times over the past year.*

"I have attended two family learning sessions; it's great to see how enthusiastic the children are and to have the opportunity to work alongside them. I also went to the internet safety lesson for parents and carers which was very useful and informative."

*Julie Turner, our Vice Chair has been working on keeping our children safe in school.*

"The safety and wellbeing of all children is of the highest priority for the staff and governors at Thrybergh Primary School. As the designated governor for safeguarding I have been working alongside senior leaders at the school to ensure that the policies, procedures and systems for the protection of children are in place, and adhered to, by all who work, visit or volunteer at the school. For your information the safeguarding and child protection policy can be accessed via the school website. If you have an issue or concern regarding the safety or welfare of a child please do not hesitate to inform a member of the school staff or you can contact me directly via the school office."

### Who's Who?

Our governors are all volunteers and give up their time for free in order to help support our school.

Name	Role	Link to school
Andy Jessop	Executive Head Teacher	
Rachel Harrison	Head of School	
Adam Dawson	Assistant Head of School Class 6 Teacher	
Alan Scholes	Chair of Governors	A number of years experience as Chair of Governors. Chair since 2014
Julie Turner	Vice-Chair of Governors	Experiences in Early Years and a retired Head Teacher
Tracy Paton	Parent Governor	Parent to one child in Class 2.
Scott Rowlands	Parent Governor	Two children in school – one in Class 3, the other has just left Thrybergh Primary.



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