

Dear Parents and Carers of Wodensfield Primary School,

**Re: A Message from our Chair of Governors**

I wanted to introduce myself and say Hi! My name is Rachel Lambert. I am Mum to a boy in Year 3 and a girl in Reception. I have been a Parent Governor for just over 2 years. Since being elected in September 2023, I now have the honour and privilege of serving as the Chair of the Governing Board.

I strongly believe in Wodensfield, and the Wodensfield way. I consider being a Governor is a wonderful way to support our children to thrive and to be the best they can. I believe in our children. They have the world at their fingertips and with the right support, they can achieve anything they want to.

**What do Governors do?**

As a Governing Board, we do not get involved in the day-to-day running of the school. Our role is to be strategic, so a large part of what we do is asking questions. We set a vision for the school and strategies on how to implement that vision, to help improve the school and serve the wider community. Our role is to be a “critical friend” to the school leadership.

- We ask questions and challenge the school to act in the best interests of our children.
- We read reports, study data and scrutinise policies.
- We go on training courses and go to termly meetings and Committees.
- Governors have a vital role in ensuring the finances are well managed and that safeguarding is robust.
- We also help with recruitment and deal with complaints.

I feel the best way for Governors to support the school is to visit and speak to the staff, children and parents to help us know the school well. We must know the school to fulfil this role properly. Some Governors have specialist roles such as Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Special Needs (as well as others). They come into the school to ask leaders and teachers about these specific areas.

The education of our children involves all of us. It is so important that staff, parents/ carers and Governors work together so that our children can achieve their potential in all areas of their lives whether that is in the classroom, on the sports pitch, in the swimming pool or on a stage.

Having had a glimpse behind the scenes through this role, I am reassured both as a parent and a Governor that the teachers and staff at Wodensfield know what they are doing. The whole Wodensfield team, from lunchtime supervisors to administrative and site staff, to all the wonderful teachers, care and work incredibly hard for our children. Everyone wants to work together to help the children in whatever way they can.

If you have any questions or would like to join the team as a Governor, please speak to the school office or find me on the playground, as we'd love to have you on team!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R. Lambert | **Chair of Governors**

