



# Goldsborough Sicklinghall Federation - Governors' Newsletter

'Working Together to be the Best We Can Be.'



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## Welcome

Welcome back to all children, parents and staff after half term. In particular, Governors would like to extend a belated welcome to all new Reception starters, new families and children who have joined our school community this year, including the flexi-school learners. Everyone should be immensely proud of themselves for settling so quickly into our school community. The Governors are very aware that everyone has different needs and here, at GS Federation, the staff work tirelessly to satisfy all needs.

The Goldsborough Sicklinghall federation is a happy, vibrant, and inclusive school. We encourage community engagement; our schools thrive when our families support us. Everyone plays a vital role in supporting our children to thrive and we hope that your children are happy in our schools.

Our collective focus is to ensure that a varied, exciting and challenging education is provided to our pupils and that their wellbeing and happiness is nurtured. Governors ensure that the strategic aims are ambitious for all our pupils and ensure that the school's core values are embedded in everything that we do.

### **What is the role of a Governor?**

As Governors, we are here to support the school and work as a 'critical friend' to the Leadership Team. Our job is to work as a democratic team, helping the Executive Headteacher to make decisions about the strategic development of The Goldsborough Sicklinghall Federation. We are all very proud to work with the staff and pupils at both schools.

Governors are like a Board of Directors and they make strategic decisions about how the school is run.

### **The 3 main roles of school governors are:**

- setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction
- holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The Governing Board is **not responsible** for the day-to-day running of the school; this is the responsibility of the Executive Headteacher along with her Leadership Team and school staff.

You can find out more about us via the Governors section of the school website here!<sup>1</sup>

## Progress



The Governors are delighted with the progress that is regularly made by children at GS Federation. Not only in terms of their academic successes, but in the development of their sporting resilience and skills, self-confidence and self-belief in all areas.

Academically, Governors recognise the hard work from the staff team, the children and families to secure excellent progress and outcomes in Optional Y2 SATs, KS2 SATs in Year 6 and Phonics Screening in Year 1.

Thanks go to staff for their hard work and congratulations to the children for their results.

## Developments



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<sup>1</sup><https://www.goldsboroughprimary.co.uk/information/federation-governing-board/governing-board-members>

The key recent development has been the improvement to both outdoor areas for EYFS, year 1 and Year 2 to enjoy. Thousands of pounds of capital spending was committed and the impact has been seen immediately, with children enjoying the areas and children have already benefited from the new areas.

## New Governors

The governing body comprises both parent and staff representatives, including the Executive Headteacher, together with a Local Authority Governor, parent Governors and other co-opted governors from our local community.

We are volunteers who are passionate about education and we benefit from representation from our immediate and wider community as well as from a very broad range of professional skills and capabilities.

GS Federation have recently appointed a new Parent Governor (no votes were required due to their only being one candidate).

**We have space for 1 more Parent Governor and a Co-Opted Governor from other backgrounds.**

**If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact your school office and find out more about the role.**

## Meet our new Parent Governor - Stacey West



*I am delighted to have become a parent Governor and believe it would be a great opportunity to do something to help support the school and to do what I can to help maintain the best interests of all the children by giving the perspective of a parent.*

*I've got two sons - my oldest son is in Cherry Blossom at Sicklinghall. We are so pleased with how well he has settled in following our house move and how welcoming everyone has been. Our youngest son is due to start in 2026.*

*My background is in law and I worked as an employment solicitor for several years. I have taken a break from that while my children are young and currently work remotely for a University on their Online LLM Master of Laws programme. I have been a Volunteer Board Member for the Tees Valley (NE) branch of the charity Young Enterprise UK.*

*I enjoy reading, exploring the countryside with my family and board games.*