



The Navigator

An update from the school's Governors



Welcome to the Navigator!

Welcome to the next installment of The Navigator. For our new parents and carers of children that will be joining us in September, this is our termly newsletter to keep you up to date with what the school's Governing Body is doing and how we're supporting the school leadership team to provide outstanding learning and development opportunities at Sarisbury Infants School.

This month we'll be focusing on the additional class for the 2018-19 year, meeting some more of the Governors and saying goodbye to some of the team.

Many thanks!

Sarisbury Infants School Governing Body

Three becomes four...

It was only a few days before the end of the Spring term when we were called to an emergency meeting with Hampshire County Council and the Head Teacher regarding the 2018-19 intake challenge that had manifested.

We discussed in depth the pros and cons of what was clearly an unexpected situation for the county's school planning team and unanimously agreed that we would support the addition of a fourth form for the intake starting in September.

Our duty to provide the best opportunity for the children in our catchment, combined with protecting the quality of the education and experience of our current crew, brought us back to a firm decision to support the ask of the council. Had we declined, there would have been a number of children within catchment that would be faced with a daily commute to schools outside of the wider area due to the local schools also being at maximum capacity.

We had the chance to embrace an opportunity and we have grasped it with both hands.

Gone are the days of 'terrapien' buildings with images of children being huddled around paraffin heaters in the winter and hanging out of the windows during the summer!

The 'modular' building that will be sited the other side of the fence behind Jellyfish class will have modern day facilities that many schools would cry out for. It will have a cloakroom area, toilet facilities for boys, girls and a separate disabled toilet. WiFi and an interactive panel featured in our other classrooms will be in place.

Whilst the boundary fence currently presents a barrier to the modular building, once everything is in place, this will be directed around the extended site to ensure it feels as much a part of the school as possible. A new entrance will be made out onto the footpath bordering the leisure centre car park that will help ease congestion through the current pedestrian access route. Next to this there will be a new scooter park and the wooden fence will be extended. The gravel path created this year alongside the car park and across the grass is also going to be tarmacked.

Within the Year R play area there will be new all weather turf and a soft rubber/resin area. Additionally, a new sun shade will also be provided. Whilst the fencing alterations can be reverted back to their current layout, the other improvements will be here to stay.

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Did you know?

- The Governing Body consists of Parent Governors, Co-opted Governors (providing specialist knowledge) and members of the School Leadership Team.
- All the parent and co-opted governors are volunteers. We do it because we have a shared passion to make a difference.

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The above picture shows the position of the modular building, the boundary of the new fence line and pathways.



Here you can see in more detail the classroom layout and the new features within the existing boundary that will be maintained following the removal in the future.

As well as the modular building and its specific requirements (fencing, access etc.), we have also been able to make the most of this opportunity and provide some exciting new facilities for our children.

An exciting new year lies ahead.

More of the team...

In the last issue we introduced you to some of the new team. Below we take a look at some of our longer standing members.

Nick Hemmings

Nick is a senior programme manager working on large scale transformation and modernisation initiatives for a well known company, Royal Mail.

He is also a volunteer for Hampshire Search and Rescue as a Search Technician, Clinical Lead and is due to qualify very soon as a Team Leader.

Nick initially joined us a parent governor in 2015 and last year moved across to a co-opted role. He is currently vice chair and also chairs the Head Teacher Performance Review Panel and the Buildings and Environment working group; responsible for site safety and facilities.

His daughter leaves us this year to join the junior school and his son will be taking up his place in Year R.



Sarah Ford

Sarah is a full time mum but incorporates some freelance marketing and event management work that fits in with the children's activities.

Sarah began as a community governor in 2013 and was recruited for her skills in marketing, PR and communications. Her eldest son joined the school a year later and is now at the juniors.

She currently fulfils the role of co-opted governor, is a member of the Head Teacher Performance Review Panel and is the link governor for gifted and able children. Her second son joins Year R in September.



Could you be the next member of the team?

Following some recent movements, we now have 2 Parent Governor vacancies that will be advertised in September.

If you are looking for a new challenge, can spare the time and would be interested in joining the Governing Body please contact the school office for further details and one of the team will be in touch.

We look forward to hearing from you!



'Our Governors come from all walks of life and bring new experience, knowledge and skills to support the school to achieve excellence.'



The team...

Following some movement within the team over the last couple of months, here's a list of the revised membership and their respective roles.

Chair	Pat Lane (LA)
Vice Chairs	Kyle Wood (CG) - standing down Sept 2018 Nick Hemmings (CG)
Members	Sarah Ford (CG) Sharon Woolrich (CG) Roanna Dolan (PG) - stood down June 2018 Steve Barrett (CG) Tony Robbins (PG) Angela Murphy (CG) Charlotte Weavers (SG) Sarah Marston (SG) Val Brown (SG) - standing down July 2018 Allison Henbest (CG) Danny Simpson (CG) Kevin Gristock (CG) Andy Stockton (AG)



Key:

PG—Parent Governor CG—Co-opted Governor LA—Local Authority Governor
SG—Staff Governor AG—Associate Governor

Welcome to Allison Henbest, Danny Simpson and Kevin Gristock who recently joined us.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Roanna Dolan for her contribution as a Governor and wish her all the best with her new career.

And to Val Brown who leaves the school and the Governing Body this month. She will be greatly missed and we wish her a happy and enjoyable retirement.

Need to get in touch?

We currently don't have a group email address but if for any reason you need to get in touch with us please drop into the school office and leave a message.

We'll get back to you as soon as we can.



Thank you

Thanks for reading, enjoy the summer holidays and we'll see you in September for the new school year!

Enjoy the break!

