

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THORNDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

All schools in England have a Governing Body which is responsible for overseeing many of the strategic decisions of the school. Regulations define three core functions consistent with the strategic role of the Governing Body. These are to:

- set the vision and strategic direction of school;
- hold the Headteacher to account for its educational performance; and
- ensure financial resources are well spent.

Structure of Governing Body

The Statutory Instrument of Government for Thorndown Primary School was issued on 5 January 2015. The school is a Community School with a Governing Body of 18, which consists of:

- 6 elected parent governors;
- 1 LA governor;
- 1 Headteacher;
- 1 elected staff governor; and
- 9 co-opted governors (of which up to 4 could be members of staff).

There are currently no associate members.

The standard term of office for a governor is four years. The Chair and Vice-chair are elected annually at the first meeting of the academic year. The Chair of the Governing Body is currently Mr Frank Newton, who can be contacted via the school office. The Governing Body employs a Clerk who is David Clark.

Much of the work of the governing body is completed by the following committees:

- Finance and Premises (including Health & Safety);
- Learning and Development; and
- Personnel and Salaries

Standing Orders for the Governing Body and Terms of Reference for each of its three committees are included on the website.

The Governing Body works in close partnership with the Headteacher, staff and the local authority. Whilst the Headteacher is, of course, responsible for the day to day running of the school, the governors are involved with such things as staffing, curriculum, school buildings and finance. It ensures the school functions well and maintains the proper range of academic and social objectives.

Although there is no legal requirement to have governors assigned to specific tasks, some governors have taken the lead role in certain tasks, including: Safeguarding (& Child Protection), SEND (& inclusion), Pupil Premium, Parent Forum, EYFS, Health & Safety, and NQT link. Prejudicial Incidents monitoring is undertaken by the Full GB, Equality & Diversity monitoring by L&D & Full GB, and Data monitoring by L&D & Full GB.

PUBLICATION OF GOVERNOR'S DETAILS AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Governors hold an important public office and their identity should be known to their school and wider communities. In the interests of transparency, a governing body should publish on its website up-to-date details of its governance arrangements in a readily accessible form.

CURRENT GOVERNORS

Full Name	Category of Governor	Appointing Body (in accordance with the Instrument of Government)	Date of Appointment	Term of Office Ends	Committees Governor Serves On	Positions of Responsibility (eg chair or vice-chair of the GB or Committee of the GB)	Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	Governance roles in any other educational establishments	Relationship between Governors and members of the school staff (including spouses, partners or relatives)
Frank Newton	Authority	LA	01.01.16	31.12.19	Pers & Sals Fin & Preams	Chair of the GB NQT link	None	Governor at St Ivo	None
Vicci Godbold	Head	xx	xx	xx	All 3 coms	Headteacher	Member of staff	None	None
Dawn Mills	Staff	Elected	14.09.17	13.09.21	Learn & Dev	None	Member of staff	None	None
Jane Ainscow	Parent	Elected	01.01.16	31.12.19	Pers & Sals Learn & Dev	Chair of L&D SEND & inclusion (including LACs)	None	None	None
Derren Jones	Parent	Elected	26.01.18	25.01.22	Fin & Preams	None	None	None	None
Louise Lawson	Parent	Elected	01.01.16	31.12.19	Learn & Dev	EYFS	None	None	None
Jill Foster	Parent	Elected	01.01.16	31.12.19	Learn & Dev	None	None	None	None
Cathy Sweet	Parent	Elected	01.01.16	31.12.19	Fin & Preams	SEND & inclusion (including LACs) EYFS	Signatory on Playgroup bank account	None	None
Jonathan Lee	Parent	Elected	28.11.17	27.11.21	Learn & Dev	None	Strategic Schools Funding Arrangements (via DSG). Traded Financial Services to all CCC schools	None	None
Rob Jagger	Co-opted	Governing Body	05.01.15	04.01.19	Fin & Preams Learn & Dev	Chair of F&P Parent Forum	None	None	Wife is Mrs Jagger, a TA on the staff.
Andrea Cliff	Co-opted	Governing Body	05.01.15	04.01.19	Pers & Sals	Safeguarding & CP	None	None	None
Peter Smith	Co-opted	Governing Body	05.01.15	04.01.19	Pers & Sals Learn & Dev	Chair of P&S Pupil Premium	None	None	None
Claire Gerrard	Co-opted	Governing Body	05.01.15	04.01.19	Learn & Dev	Deputy Head	Member of staff	None	None
Helen Cooper	Co-opted	Governing Body	05.01.15	04.01.19	Fin & Preams	School Business Manager	Member of staff	None	None

