



Le Cateau CP School Governors Newsletter

Chairs Word—Lisa Crawford

I'm delighted – and quite a bit relieved – to bring you our first Governor Newsletter. It is an aim of our school's governing body to improve communication and links between governors, staff, parents and children. Hopefully this newsletter will meet part of this aim and has been on my 'to do' list for a bit too long.

Through the newsletter we plan to share with you who the governors are and what we do. We're a pretty friendly bunch. Four of us are teaching staff here and a large proportion of us are parents and can regularly be seen on the school run. Please feel free to stop any one of us in the playground (or anywhere else for that matter!) with any 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 any one of us. Just hand your letter in to the office and they will forward it to us. Alternatively, you could email us. (details below)

The list overleaf gives a quick run down of who we are. In addition to the 14 governors listed, at our meetings minutes are taken by our clerk, Jackie Hardman.



What is the role of a Governor?

Governors are a group of volunteers who include parents, staff and members of our local community. Our main role is to promote on-going improvements in standards throughout the school. We help the Headteacher and staff plan the school's long-term direction and we evaluate progress. We help set the school's aims and values and are responsible for some staff appointments, including the head. Many of our responsibilities carry a statutory requirement. This means we are obliged by law to do things such as agree the annual budget.

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

We need a new Head Teacher.....

As you will be aware we are currently in the throws of recruiting a new Head Teacher for Le Cateau. Choosing the right person is going to be very challenging and the Governors would appreciate your help in making the decisions for your children and our school.

We are outing together a wish list of attributes we expect to see in our new Head Teacher. Therefore, we are asking you if you would either email or send a note to the office (addressed to Lisa Crawford or Jan Palmer) with your thoughts.

We have organised a page on Fronter and are encouraging both the Children and Staff to contribute.

We appreciate you taking the time to do this, the closing date is Wednesday 11th December.

Who's who...

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Representation</i>	<i>Link to School</i>
Lisa Crawford	Local Authority Governor/Chair	Parent of a child in Year 6
Jan Palmer	Parent Governor/Vice Chair	Parent of children in Year 4 and Year 2
Pete Short	Parent Governor	Parent of a child in Year 4
Mel Shepherd	Parent Governor	Parent of a child in Year 4
Frank Kopka	Community Governor	Lives and works locally Teaches Maths
Annette Richardson	Community Governor	Lives and works locally
Grahame Gale	Community Governor	Lives and works locally as a Community Policeman
Dhan Pariyar	Parent Governor	Parent of a child in Year 6
Beki Bulmer	Staff Governor	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Yvonne Buxton	Staff Governor	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Ian Mottram	Staff Governor	Deputy Head Teacher
Grahame Shepherd	Head Teacher	Head Teacher
Mike Kerr	Local Authority Governor	Retired and lives locally
Claire Barratt	Parent Governor	Parent of children in Year 4 and Year 2
Jackie Hardman	Clerk to the Governors	School Office Manager

You may get in touch with any one of us via the school office

Call **01748 832292** and leave a message for us to call you back.

Write care of **Le Cateau Community Primary School, Gough Road, Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire, DL9 4ED**, or drop a note in at the office in person or

email to l.crawford@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk or j.palmer@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk