

Athersley South Primary School Governing Body

What do Governors do?

School governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools. Governors appoint the head teacher and deputy headteacher. It is governors who hold the main responsibility for finance in schools, and it is governors who work with the headteacher to make the tough decisions about balancing resources.

Each individual governor is a member of a governing board, which is established in law as a corporate body. Individual governors may not act independently of the rest of the governing board; decisions are the joint responsibility of the governing board.

The role of the governing board is a strategic one, its key functions are to:

- set the aims and objectives for the school
- set the policies for achieving those aims and objectives
- set the targets for achieving those aims and objectives
- monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achievement of its aims and objectives
- be a source of challenge and support to the headteacher (a critical friend)

(Source - <http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor/Be-a-Governor.aspx>)

The Governing Body has established a number of committees to which it delegates day to day responsibility for the oversight of various aspects of the running of the school. The main committees are:

Finance Committee

Initial oversight and management of the annual budget drawn up by the school; Ensures the school maintains an appropriate system of internal financial control; Agrees priorities for revenue and capital funding.

The Chairperson is Mrs Kath Bostwick

Curriculum and Staffing Committee

Ensures the school offers a broad and balanced curriculum in accordance with the National Curriculum; Provides strategic advice and guidance on staffing and personnel issues; Reviews proposals for the promotion of staff.

The Chairperson is Mrs Kath Bostwick

Buildings and Maintenance Committee

Oversight of the management and maintenance of the school premises; Reviews proposals for capital projects and ensures best practice in procurement and implementation of works; Provides advice and guidance on premises maintenance issues; Lead responsibility for Health & Safety and monitoring of associated statutory requirements (eg Fire safety, Legionella etc).

The Chairperson is Mrs Kath Bostwick

School Improvement Strategy Group

Reviews progress against the agreed improvement plan and the deployment of the school's resources to meet identified needs; Review the impact of improvement strategies on outcomes for pupils and the quality of learning and teaching across the school.

The Chairperson is Mrs Kath Bostwick

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| Mrs Emma McDonald-Brown | Parent | Parent | Staffing & Curriculum; Finance | 13/05/2021 | 4 years | 13/05/2025 | Elected | |
| | | | | | | Stepped down: November 2023 | | |

| Governing Body Meetings | Spring 2023 | Summer 2023 | Autumn Term 2023 |
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| 2023-2024 | 9 th March 2023 | 15 th June 2023 | 26 th October 2023 |
| Mrs Kathleen Bostwick | Present | Present | Present |
| Mrs Joanne Boreham | In attendance | In attendance | In attendance |
| Miss Jodie Stanley | Absent | Present | Present |
| Mrs Claire Nock | Present | Present | Present |
| Mrs Emma Sanderson | Present | Present | Present |
| Mrs Zoe Popplestone | Present | Present | Apologies |
| Mrs Emma McDonald-Brown | Apologies | Absent | Absent |
| Mr Neil Wright | Present | Present | Present |
| Mrs Jane Beech | Apologies | Apologies | Present |
| Mr Jacques Chery | Present | Apologies | Absent |
| Mrs H Millington | N/a | N/a | N/a |
| Clerk | Ms J Sykes | Ms J Sykes | Ms J Sykes |

Committee Meetings

SPRING TERM 2024

Finance – 29th January 2024

Present: Zoe Popplestone, Jacques Chery, Kath Bostwick

In attendance: Joanne Boreham, Neil Wright, Claire Nock

Apologies: Jodie Stanley

Absent: None

Buildings & Maintenance – 29th January 2024

Present: Claire Nock, Kath Bostwick

In attendance: Joanne Boreham

Apologies: Jane Beech

Absent: None

Staffing & Curriculum – 29th January 2024

Present: Emma Sanderson, Zoe Popplestone, Claire Nock, Jacques Chery, Kath Bostwick, Neil Wright

Apologies: Jane Beech

Absent: None

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Finance – 14th September 2023

Present: Claire Nock, Kath Bostwick, Jodie Stanley, Neil Wright

In attendance: Joanne Boreham

Apologies: Zoe Popplestone, Jacques Chery

Absent: Emma McDonald-Brown, Jane Beech

Buildings & Maintenance – 14th September 2023

Present: Claire Nock, Kath Bostwick

In attendance: Joanne Boreham

Apologies: None

Absent: Jane Beech

Staffing & Curriculum – 14th September 2023

Present: Emma Sanderson, Claire Nock, Kath Bostwick, Neil Wright, Zoe Popplestone

Apologies: Jacques Chery

Absent: Emma McDonald-Brown, Jane Beech

SUMMER TERM 2023**Finance – 28th April 2023**

Present: Jodie Stanley, Kath Bostwick, Neil Wright, Jane Beech, Claire Nock

In attendance: Joanne Boreham

Apologies: None

Absent: Zoe Popplestone, Jacques Chery, Emma McDonald-Brown

Buildings & Maintenance – 28th April 2023

Present: Claire Nock, Kath Bostwick, Jane Beech

In attendance: Joanne Boreham, Neil Wright

Apologies: None

Absent: None

Staffing & Curriculum – 28th April 2023

Present: Emma Sanderson, Claire Nock, Kath Bostwick, Zoe Popplestone, Jane Beech, Neil Wright

Apologies: None

Absent: Emma McDonald-Brown