GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

Best wishes to our Year 6 leavers

We would like to wish all of our Year 6 leavers the very best of luck for the future in your new schools. We hope that you have enjoyed your time at Caroline Haslett, and hope you feel well prepared for your transition to secondary school. We look forward to hearing about your continued successes at your new schools, and wish you much happiness in the year ahead.



What Does a School Governing Board Do?

The School Governing Board plays a vital role in helping our school run smoothly and successfully. Made up of dedicated volunteers from the community, parents and staff, the board works behind the scenes to **ensure our school provides the best possible education for every child.**

Key responsibilities of our Governing Board include:

- Setting the School's Vision & Goals – Helping shape what we want our school to achieve and how we'll get there.
- Monitoring Performance – Keeping an eye on how well the school is doing and making sure plans are in place to improve.
- Ensuring Accountability – Making sure the school's leadership is effective, and that resources are used wisely.
- Supporting and Challenging the Headteacher – Acting as a critical friend to support improvements and hold leadership to account.

Want to know more or get involved? We'd love to hear from you!
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A message from our Chair



As we approach the end of this school year, this will also be my last as Chair of Governors and as a governor at Caroline Haslett Primary School. I have been on the Governing Board at Caroline Haslett for 34 years since before the school was built. I have seen the school grow and develop into an outstanding school as confirmed by Ofsted in February. It achieves consistently excellent academic results and is one of the top primary schools both locally and nationally.

During all that time the children have been at the heart of the school. They are happy, hardworking and enthusiastic. When I have visited the classrooms, I meet confident, responsible individuals who are engaged in their learning. The children strive to do their best both in and outside school. You only have to look at the weekly newsletter and the celebration assemblies to see their magnificent achievements. I never cease to be amazed how talented these children are!

This does not happen by accident. Caroline Haslett Primary School has been guided from the start by strong leaders whose vision and ambition have been the backbone of the school. Our whole Caroline Haslett team shares this vision and ambition. Our staff know the children well and work hard to meet their different needs to enable the children to flourish in a safe, happy environment. Our present Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher set ambitious goals for the children. They rejoice when these goals are achieved but always look forward, setting new targets, looking to improve still further.

In many ways, the work of governors goes unnoticed in the wider school community. I have worked with many governors and Chairs of governors over the years. They have all given their time and commitment to support the school in the ambition that every child can achieve and thrive at Caroline Haslett. Another feature of Caroline Haslett School over the years has been the Friends Committee. The many members of the committee have worked tirelessly to provide imaginative and well loved events, full of fun for children and parents whilst raising much needed funds for the school.

Of course, our parents and carers are also members of our school community. Governors, many of whom are also parents, appreciate all that parents and carers do to support their children throughout their children's journey at Caroline Haslett.

This school year we have seen the most amazing support from our school community. The destruction of our minibus was awful. It was a disaster for all the children who use it to enrich their education. However, that disaster turned into something quite magnificent. The school community past and present responded immediately to raise over £12,000 towards the cost of a replacement minibus. Shenley Brook End School lent us their minibus until we had a replacement. Local businesses helped us out. As Mr Quinton said to the BBC 'no matter the outcome, we've come out the winner'. I will be sad when I finish at Caroline Haslett this summer, another of the school leavers! Like them, Caroline Haslett School has been a large part of my life for a long time.

I wish the best to all of our school community. I know that the vision and ambition of Mr Quinton, the staff and governors will continue to enable each child at Caroline Haslett to thrive and do their best. I am very proud and happy to have been part of this outstanding school.

Our Governing Board

Julia Ahulu, Co-Opted Governor, Specialist governor for STEAM, Development Governor, Science, Pay & Appraisal (P&A) Committee, Teaching & Learning, Pupils & Parents (TLPP) Committee

Sadia Farooq, Co-Opted Governor, Safeguarding Governor, Attendance, English, Looked after Children, Specialist governor for law and Wellbeing, TLPP committee

Andrea Fergusson, Associate Governor, School Business Manager, Faraday Committee, Resources & Personnel (R&P) Committee

Steven Godfrey, Co-opted Governor, Specialist governor for finance

Kath Keillor, Co-opted Governor, Pay & Appraisal Committee, Chair of Teaching & Learning, Pupils & Parents (TLPP) Committee, Maths, Modern Foreign Languages, Pupil Premium, Safer Recruitment, Chair

Sandra Ottaway, Co-opted Governor, Deputy Headteacher, R&P Committee and TLPP Committee

Maddie Palmer, Parent Governor, Specialist Governor for Health & Safety, Humanities, Faraday Committee, R&P Committee

Jo Cleary, Parent governor, Specialist governor for Special Educational Needs and Pupil Premium, Teaching & Learning, Pupils & Parents (TLPP) Committee, Faraday Committee, Computing & E-Safety, Creative Arts, SEN, More Able & Vulnerable

Paul Quinton, Headteacher, Faraday Committee, R&P Committee, TLPP Committee

John Browne, Local Authority Governor, TLPP Committee & Early Years

Salvatore Maniscalco, Parent Governor, Design Technology

Helen Thomson, Staff Governor, TLPP Committee & Equality

Andrew Watt, Parent Governor, R&P Committee, Asset Management Register, Data Protection, PE & Sports Premium, Vice Chair.

Summary of Governing Board activity this school year

- 26x school subject visits,
- 6x student (listening Q&A) tea parties
- 2x Board meetings,
- 6x Sub-Committee meetings,
- 14x Policies reviewed,
- 1 Ofsted school support visit

Congratulations to CHPS for a renewed Ofsted 'Outstanding school' Inspection in 2025



Further to Mr Quinton's note to parents/carers dated 1st April 2025, we are delighted to celebrate the confirmation by Ofsted that CHPS has been assessed and remains an Outstanding school! This outcome has only been possible through the dedication and commitment of all within our school community, including our hard-working staff, enthusiastic students and engaged parents/carers & friends of CHPS with a shared contribution to ensure high standards of education are maintained and allowing for development for every child.

Changes to our Governing Board

After an amazing 34 years of service as a member of the CHPS Governing Board, we would like to thank **Kath Keilor, Chair of Governors**, for her commitment to our school community and a warm farewell as she steps away from school duties. Kath's involvement has always ensured the highest quality of standards are upheld, partnering with the school leadership team and supporting new Governors to continue our community legacy for all CHPS students. Kath's commitment to CHPS has always been unwavering (including recently pausing an overseas holiday and flying home to meet the Ofsted inspectors in person during an unannounced assessment visit!). We are truly grateful to have Kath as a long-standing member of our school community, and for her contributions that have shaped CHPS into the impressive, Outstanding rated school as we know it today. Thank you Kath! We wish you all the very best during your well-earned retirement!

We would also like to welcome **Salvatore Maniscalco** as a newly appointed Parent Governor. Salvatore has joined the Governing board, like many, with Children enrolled in the school and an active interest to ensure the highest standards of school education are upheld. Welcome Salvatore!

Thank you for your feedback - Family Surveys

An important part of our Governing Board's involvement is to actively seek Parents/ Guardians perspective and review this feedback with the school leadership team, ensuring the highest standards of education are maintained.

A summary of the key messages from these surveys are:



CHPS Family survey (23/24) reviewed in '25 (74 participants)

- 90% of people felt their children were happy at CHPS
- 85% of people felt their children were taught well at CHPS
- 64% of people felt there was adequate communication with parents

Ofsted Parent View Survey (24/25) reviewed in '25 (83 participants)

- 95% of people agreed or strongly agreed their children were happy at CHPS
- 95% of people agreed or strongly agreed their children felt safe at CHPS
- 96% of people agreed or strongly agreed that there is a good range of subjects available for their children at CHPS

Thank you to all for your valuable responses provided where areas of refinement have been identified and reviewed with the school leadership team.

Are you interested in contributing to the CHPS Governing community?

- We will soon be seeking new volunteer members for the CHPS Governing board
- Are you enthusiastic and want to be involved more with the school?
- Do you have skills which can be used to support the school and are interested in helping contribute to CHPS?
- Please reach out to any of our Board members to discuss this rewarding opportunity to contribute and shape our school community