

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



Dear parent or carer

I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of governors. I was appointed at the last meeting, having been Vice Chair for the last year. This will be the third year I have been a governor at this fantastic school alongside a dedicated team of governors and staff who work tirelessly to ensure students at JCSC have the best possible education they can.

Robert Arckless has replaced me as Vice Chair. He was previously a pupil at South Avenue and understands the importance of education in Amble and the surrounding area.

We will both work together with the other governors to support and challenge the school to be the best it can.

I would like to thank Sean Harris, our outgoing Chair, for all his hard work last year. He remains a governor for now continuing to champion JCSC.

Governors have undertaken a governance review this year and will continue to grow and develop and improve their work with the school community.

Just so you are aware, we meet as a full governing body at least three times a year and currently have four committees that look at different aspects of the school. We work with Mr Rodgers and the senior leadership team to do this. These focus on:

- Teaching and learning - looking areas such as how well pupils achieve, how good teaching is.
- Pastoral support - looking at areas such as safeguarding, behaviour, attendance, attitudes, etc.
- Finance, staffing and premises - ensuring funding is used effectively, staffing, health and safety and premises development.
- Primary - ensuring pupils do as well as they can in their first years at JCSC.

In addition to the above, governors have individual responsibilities, such as meeting directors to discuss subjects like mathematics, English, science, safeguarding, etc, related to the priorities of the school.

We have a mix of people on the governing body including the headteacher, parent governors, a staff governor, a local authority governor, people from the local community and co-opted governors. We are all volunteers and put in a lot of our own time and effort to do this. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for this.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the next few months in school and hope we can tell you more about the work of the governors in future newsletters.

If you would like to contact me, you can email governors@jcsc.co.uk.

Best wishes
SUE CURRIE
Chair of governors