

# Ditchheat Primary

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Dear parents and carers

On behalf of the Governors I would like to wish you a very warm welcome back.

Welcome new families who are joining, we hope that you and your children have an excellent start at our school.

As a governing Board, we support the head teacher and staff to provide high quality education for all children. Our role is strategic - school staff are operational. We make formal visits to see the school in action - we talk to the staff and the children about initiatives and projects they are involved in, by doing this we can gain first-hand information to assist with policy making and decision taking.

We also evaluate resources and discuss future requirements. Our aim is to work in partnership with all to provide the very best educational experiences for each and every child.

Kate Webber  
Chair of Governors

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## What do Governors do?

The Governing Body has three main core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

*Governance Handbook, DfE, 2017*



## Summer term meeting dates

**12<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Finance Committee

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Board Meeting

**19<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Board Meeting

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

Board Meeting

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

Board Meeting

**19<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Board Meeting

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Board Meeting

## How to contact us

Governor photos can be found in the school entrance, we are all approachable.

If you would like to contact us about something specific, please email Kate (chair) on [kwebber@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:kwebber@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

## Who we are

Kate Webber (Chair, Co Opted Governor)  
Kate Rowe (Vice chair, Parent Governor)  
Victoria Withers (Headteacher)  
Rose Boyce (Staff Governor)  
Arthur Llewellyn (Local Authority Governor)  
Liz Gould (Co Opted Governor)  
Andrew Nicholls (Co Opted Governor)  
Ross Fowler (Parent Governor)  
Paul Senior (Co Opted Governor)  
Amanda Davis (Co Opted Governor)  
Jo Crook (Associate Member)  
Kate Knowles (Clerk to the Governors)

## The committees

The Finance & Personnel Committee has responsibility for finance, personnel & premises. The committee is chaired by Arthur Llewellyn with other members being Kate Rowe, Kate Webber, Paul Senior & Amanda Davis.

The Headteacher Performance Review (HTPR) committee is responsible for recruitment and performance management of the headteacher. The committee is chaired by Kate Webber with other members being Andrew Nicholls & Arthur Llewellyn.

## Other responsibilities

Link governor responsibilities are detailed below:

SEND – Kate Webber, Liz Gould  
Health & Safety – Andrew Nicholls, Paul Senior  
EYFS – Kate Rowe, Ross Fowler  
Child Protection – Paul Senior, Kate Webber  
Website – Ross Fowler, Kate Rowe  
Data Protection – Andrew Nicholls, Kate Rowe  
Governor Skills – Rose Boyce  
SFVS – Kate Rowe, Arthur Llewellyn

## Strategic priorities

We'll be using the School Development Plan to monitor the school's priorities, for 2019-2020 these are:

### 1 – Curriculum

We will continue to strive to provide inspiring experiences to motivate our children. To teach them to be respectful, responsible, resilient and to embrace differences. We will prepare them to be confident and independent life-long learners.

### 2 – Standards

We will have high expectations of our children and encourage them to develop a belief in their abilities. We will continue to work closely with the community to raise aspirations.

### 3 – Leadership & Management

We will care for, encourage and support our children in a warm, inclusive and vibrant environment where they are safe to make mistakes.

### 4 – Structures & Systems

We will provide a rich and varied curriculum which will provide experiences that inspire, enthuse and motivate our children.