

Ditchheat Primary

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Dear parents and carers

On behalf of the governors I would like to wish you a warm welcome to the new school year, and a special welcome to the new families joining the school this term.

None of us could have predicted the disruption that COVID-19 would bring to us all. The school has coped amazingly well with some children attending throughout lockdown and all children having access to home learning provided by the school.

Tapestry has proved to be a marvellous platform for parents/carers to record & share the work that the children have been doing.

The school staff, led by Vic Withers, have been fantastic thinking up new ideas how to engage children in their learning in a 'strange new world' whilst continuing to inspire a love of learning for life.

Our thanks go to all staff for their commitment and positivity and how they were able share the clear vision & strategies designed to keep spirits high and communication open.

Now we are back, term has started and it is great to see all years back on the school site. The school are focussed on settling the children in to new classes, new routines and encouraging everyone to manage their feelings by focussing on the future.

Kate Webber
Chair of Governors



Governor meeting dates

2nd September 2020

Board Meeting

16th September 2020

Gov's safeguarding training

24th September 2020

HTPR Committee Meeting

29th September 2020

Board Meeting

5th November 2020

Finance Committee Meeting

17th November 2020

Board Meeting

Further meetings to be arranged in due course

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

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)
Andrew Nicholls	(Co Opted Governor)
Paul Senior	(Co Opted Governor)
Amanda Davis	(Co Opted Governor)
Jo Crook	(Associate Member)
Kate Knowles	(Clerk to the Governors)
Simon Lilley	(Parent Governor)
Lynda Walker	(Co Opted Governor)
Vacancy	(Co Opted Governor)

The committees

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

The **Head Teacher Performance Review (HTPR) & Teacher Appraisal Committee** is responsible for recruitment and performance management of the head teacher. The committee is chaired by Kate Webber; other members being Andrew Nicholls & Paul Senior.

Other responsibilities

Link governor responsibilities are detailed below:

Area	Lead	Vice
Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)	Kate Webber	Linda Walker
Health & Safety	Andrew Nicholls	Paul Senior
Early Years Foundation Stage	Kate Rowe	Kate Webber
Governance Safeguarding Lead	Paul Senior	Kate Webber
Website	Simon Lilley	Amanda Davis
Data Protection	Andrew Nicholls	Simon Lilley
Governor Skills	Rose Boyce	Kate Rowe
Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS)	Kate Rowe	Arthur Llewellyn
Pupil Premium Champion	Kate Rowe	

Strategic priorities

We'll be using the School Development Plan to monitor the school's priorities, for 2020-2021 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.