



# GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

Wellington Primary School

Sutton Lane, Hounslow TW3 4LB

## Message from the Chair of Governors

### Dear Wellington Families

It is lovely to see so many children back at school and a sense of normality returning to school life; However, it is still important that we keep safe and continue washing our hands more regularly and adhere to any other necessary precautions, should you come in contact with someone with Covid symptoms.

We have been speaking to Mrs Norton, and it appears that school attendance numbers for most years are nearly back to pre-covid levels. There are still families where siblings or people living together are not well, and therefore, children are being kept away from school.

I'd like to introduce myself as the new chair of governors, taking over from Henny Pearmain, who has done a superb job over the years. I joined the board of governors in July 2020 and was elected to be the Chair in February 2022. Thank you, Henny, for all your hard over the years.

Day to day, I work in the corporate world as a consultant. I believe children are the future, and as such, I want to be involved in helping that future where I can. The world is vastly different from when I grew up and changing at an ever-fast pace.

As children, we were not aware of all the opportunities available to us, and our parents didn't always know these opportunities either. Therefore, I am very keen for children to know their choices and where they need to go to get the knowledge and information readily available to them.

I regularly mentor new joiners and junior staff members at work and am also involved with an organisation that partners with inner-city schools

to mentor young females called The Girls Network.

Hopefully, I will get to meet some of you in person at some point, and I am very much looking forward to meeting the children and going into school now that we can finally.

Best wishes

Sukhpal Brar

### Useful Links & Information

#### The Local Foodbank

The Foodbanks at Hope Church Hounslow run via St Paul's and The Good Shepherd exist to support local individuals and families who find themselves in financial difficulty by providing them with a food parcel including the basic essentials. Use [this link](#) to access details of the text giving campaign to donate to this foodbank.



#### Link to School's Parents Survey

Parental feedback is needed and encouraged via [this survey](#).

## SEND Review Update

### Sarah Jones, SEND Link Governor reports following Hounslow Borough's SEND Panel Review

Hounslow Borough has set up a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Mainstream Funding Task and Finish group to respond to the external review carried out by a consultant. This group looks at how we currently fund children with SEND in mainstream schools and settings and the options for a new mainstream High Needs funding model. The group comprises relevant Local Authority staff, Headteachers, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators (SENCOs) and a governor.



Hounslow has started to look at its local specialist provision to ensure this can meet the needs of pupils as far as possible within the Borough, with reduced reliance on placements in other Authority schools and in the independent/non-maintained special school sector. Hounslow

Borough is keen to look at how mainstream provision can be strengthened.

A new SEND Adviser has been appointed to the School Improvement Service to revitalize local training and networking opportunities. However, there is a need for a broader evaluation of how schools are currently resourced, both in terms of their use of delegated budgets (notional SEN) and their access to any additional funding and support. All access to additional funding in Hounslow mainstream schools is through the statutory process (through an Education, Health and Care i.e., EHC Needs Assessment). Hounslow is interested in exploring other models that could be more dynamic and less administratively demanding.

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In addition, an external consultant with extensive experience of strategic contributions in this area, having worked on mainstream support and funding issues with a wide range of Local Authorities (including a number of London Boroughs) as well as nationally, is also part of the working team named 'SEND Mainstream Funding Task & Finish Group' following the review.

## How do I contact the governors?

All governors are contactable via e-mail at [cog@wellington.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:cog@wellington.hounslow.sch.uk). You can see who the Governors are on the school website.

