

Stocks Green Primary School

Governor Newsletter

July 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

Firstly, we would like to express our very sincere thanks to all members of the Stocks Green family, for your continued co operation, enthusiasm and support throughout this year. As we face changes and challenges, we have continued to prove without doubt that we are always stronger together. The incredibly successful second Stock Fest, brain child of Mr Till and organized by the PTA Committee, is an excellent example, raising funds for exciting projects planned for 2025 - 2026.

As Governors we acknowledge that each precious day in the life of a Stocks green pupil will only pass by once. For our pupils their educational journey at Stocks Green reflects each and every day the unique experiences and learning opportunities. Through the continued strong leadership and shared vision of our Headteacher Mr Hipkiss, Deputy Head Mr Endersby, Assistant Head Mrs Newton, staff, and Governors, our pupils have been very well supported along the way.

Mr Hipkiss, together with Mrs Newton, led the whole school review of educational visits and opportunities for our pupils. This has resulted in an enhanced offering known as the Passport of Possibilities which reflects learning in the real-world, hands-on experiences and supports all curriculum areas. An excellent example being the outstanding performance by Year 6 of the musical Shrek in the EM Forster theater at Tonbridge school. Stocks Green West End vibes!

Focusing on mental health and wellbeing through Opal Play, together with the introduction of Zones of Regulation has empowered our pupils to face challenges and strive to be the best pupils they can be. As adults, we understand that life is a journey and along the way we are helped and encouraged to gather the necessary skills, both academic and personal, face challenges and celebrate the successes. As a result of the Zones of Regulation initiative, primary colours have taken on whole new meanings for children and adults alike.



At the Opal picnic and open afternoon, Mr Hipkiss took the opportunity to share overviews of the proposed School Improvement priorities which will combine together to form the School Development plan for 2025 - 2026. Areas of focus will include teaching and learning, SEND including mental health and well-being and Communication. Mr Hipkiss also explained the school's philosophy and approach to reading, a key essential for life long success. Our thanks go to Ms Wiltshire and her two very brave pupils who shared their strategies for developing Reading fluency. Mr Endersby in his role as SENCO gave a presentation on future SEND developments, including information about the new and exciting Launch pad project which will be operational in September. Supporting parents and carers to gain a deeper understanding of their children's learning process will also be a priority, and opportunities to experience learning in the classroom setting alongside their children will be offered.

Governing Body Membership, Committees and meetings for 2025 -2026

As school governors our role is to act as critical friends and agree on strategic decisions as a group, whilst the operational management of the school remains the responsibility of the School Leadership Team. As Governors we are supported in our expectations by the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Department for Education (DfE).

All Governors meet together as members of the Full Governing Body (FGB) four times a year, with one of these meetings held as part of a whole day, focusing on monitoring and governor training in school.

Governors also serve on sub committees which meet regularly throughout the year, monitoring and holding to account the performance of school closely. The sub committees are Finance and Premises, Pay and Performance, and Standards and Curriculum; all meetings are held in school.

Sub committee membership and dates for all meetings are as below.

Finance and Premises			
Date Committee Established		March 2008	
Responsibility	Name of Governor/Associate member	Type of Governor	Date appointed to the committee
Chair	Alan McLean	Co-opted	November 2021
Vice Chair	Will Moore	Parent	March 2022
Governor 1	Rob Chewter	Co-opted	January 2017
Governor 2	Andrea Woollett	Co-opted	October 2024
Headteacher (or Deputy Head)	Peter Hipkiss	Headteacher	September 2022
Associate Member	Janet Scott	Associate	March 2022
Clerk	Alice Plane	Clerk	July 2025

Pay and Performance			
Date Committee Established		March 2008	
Responsibility	Name of Governor/Associate member	Type of Governor	Date appointed to the committee
Chair	Rob Chewter	Co-opted	January 2017
Vice Chair	Dave Wallace	Co -opted	October 2019
Governor 1	Di Ayling	Co-opted	March 2009
Governor 2	Ruth Dixon	Co-opted	October 2016
Governor 3	Bridget Salmon	Co-opted	March 2020
Headteacher (or Deputy Head)	Peter Hipkiss	Headteacher	September 2022
Clerk	Alice Plane	Clerk	July 2025

Standards and Curriculum			
Date Committee Established		September 2015	
Responsibility	Name of Governor/Associate member	Type of Governor	Date appointed to the committee
Chair	Ruh Dixon	Co-opted	October 2016
Vice Chair	tbc		

Governor 1	Di Ayling	Co-opted	March 2009	Ma
Governor 2	Becky Mackay	Parent	March 2022	Oc
Governor 3	Andrea Woollett	Co-opted		
Governor 4	Joe Endersby	Associate Member	September 2023	
Governor 5	Emily Smith	Staff	February 2025	
Headteacher (or Deputy Head)	Peter Hipkiss	Headteacher	September 2022	
Clerk	Alice Plane	Clerk	July 2025	

Autumn Meeting Dates 2025

FGB Full Governing Body	F&P Finance & Premises	P&P Pay & Performance	S&C Standards & Curriculum
14 October	7 October	30 September	1 October

Spring Meeting Dates 2026

FGB Full Governing Body	F&P Finance & Premises	P&P Pay & Performance	S&C Standards & Curriculum
28 February (All day)	13 January	27 January	21 January

Summer Meeting Dates 2026

FGB Full Governing Body	F&P Finance & Premises	P&P Pay & Performance	S&C Standards & Curriculum
19 May 7 July	12 May	30 June	29 April

How to contact us

If you would like to contact the Governors to raise any issue in confidence by letter via the School Office, please address correspondence to Rob Chewter, Chair of Governors or by email: governors@stocks-green.kent.sch.uk

For more information, visit our Governors section on the school website:

www.stocksgreenprimary.co.uk/governors

Governor's photos can also be found in the school Entrance Hall.