

## Summer Term Meetings

**24<sup>th</sup> June 2019**  
Resources Committee

**11<sup>th</sup> July 2019**  
Full Governing Body

## Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

A very warm welcome to our first termly Governors' newsletter. We hope these new letters will give you a better idea of what we do and how we support Woodhall Primary School.

With best wishes from all the Governors

## What do Governors do?

The three core functions of a Governing Body can be found in the Department for Education's [Governance Handbook](#).

As Governors, we make decisions as part of the school's senior leadership team and are answerable to our Trust. Everything we do is aimed at furthering our pupils' interests and progress.

In a nutshell, we support Woodhall by making decisions and asking probing questions of the senior teachers, and monitoring the effectiveness of:

-  Woodhall's principles, aims and policies
-  staff performance and pay
-  the performance of the school and pupils' progress
-  financial performance (value for money – although our budget is set by our Trust)

## How do we do it?

We usually meet to discuss reports and our monitoring sessions about 5 times a year. Our resources committee meets in between these times. This committee is responsible for looking at things like buildings, health and safety, staff performance and finances.

We also regularly visit the school (both separately and together) to talk to staff and pupils. It gives us the chance to see pupils' work, hear their views and see the whole curriculum in action. This helps to inform us when we make our decisions. It also lets us know if we are hitting our goals and supporting pupils' progress.

## Who are Woodhall's Governors?

We are a team made up of teachers, parents, Trust representatives, and members of the public.

We work together to make joint decisions to help Woodhall thrive for the benefit of all our pupils.

You can find out more about each of us on the Governor page of Woodhall's website [here](#).

If you are interested in being a Governor, you don't need a background in education, please contact our Chair of Governors, Hazel Crane, on [hcrane@woodhallprimary.co.uk](mailto:hcrane@woodhallprimary.co.uk) to discuss.

## Recent Action

On 30<sup>th</sup> April, we were lucky enough to visit Woodhall and see almost all the classes in action, including in our pond area.

Our thanks go out to all the staff and pupils who shared their work and views with us and made us feel very welcome.

It was lovely to see so many happy and enthusiastic people and the progress they are making. It was also inspiring to hear the depth of knowledge being achieved in a breadth of topics.

This visit helps us to understand how we are meeting our plans and obligations.