IVY CHIMNEYS GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP

Welcome to the second edition of the Governors' Newsletter which is also available digitally here:

https://www.ivychimneys.net/governors-newsletters/

This second edition marks the beginning of a new era, with the advent of the COVID vaccination programme and the end of Lockdown in sight. We would like to start by extending our gratitude to the staff of the School throughout this difficult and uncertain time.

WHAT'S CHANGED?

The Governing Body has seen several changes to our composition since the last edition of this Newsletter. We have fortunately recruited a new Trust Governor, Cherry McCredie, a new Parent Governor, Rachel Malatesta, and a new Clerk, Jane Mercer. Rachel replaces Sarah Fulbrook and we would like to extend many thanks and warm wishes to her for her positive influence on the Governing Body, and particular her work within the Communications Working Group (which produces these newsletters!). Jane Mercer replaces Teresa Nickolson who after many dedicated years has retired. We wish her all the best for her retirement and thank her for her years of commitment.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Lee Brown for his time on the Board and extend warm wishes for his other endeavours. We now have a vacancy for Trust Governor. If you are aware of anyone from the community (not a parent) who has the skills and interest to become a governor, please contact us using the email below.

GOVERNOR TRAINING

Despite the COVID situation, Governors have been able to access multiple training courses virtually. These cover a diverse range of skills including Finance, Ofsted, Safeguarding and Attachment.

OUR GOVERNING BODY

Please see below for a brief introduction to the newest members of our board. More information on all our Governors can be found here:

https://www.ivychimneys.net/meet-the-governors/

Epping Forest Schools Partnership Trust
"Unlocking the potential of collaboration"

CHERRY MCCREDIE, TRUST GOVERNOR



Cherry brings a wealth of experience to our board, being the Chair of the Epping Forest & Brentwood Independent Advisory Group, a Town & District Councilor and various voluntary roles in the community.

RACHEL MALETESTA, PARENT GOVERNOR



Rachel brings experience in governance and audit from her background in the NHS & private nursing, which spans 30 years. She has twin girls in year two.

We welcome Rachel and Cherry to the Board and thanks them for the time and energy. Their full bios are available on the previous web address.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Governing Body has updated the document that details their work, plans and reflection on the previous academic year. This annual document is available retrospectively for each academic year. You can find the 2019-20 version of this document here:

https://www.ivychimneys.net/annual-governance-statement/

TRUST NEWS

You can find the latest Trust news on their website, here:
https://www.efspt.org/News/

COVID-19

Governors have continued to fulfil their statutory functions by meeting virtually where applicable. We would like to extend our extreme thanks and appreciation to the staff for their dedication and resilience throughout this challenging time. We would especially like to note the increased parental satisfaction with the home learning provision and thank the staff for developing this provision.

LOOKING FORWARDS

We are sure you will join us in looking forward to a better year and celebrating the positivity of our staff and students.

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