



The Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation

17th February 2017

Dear Parents /Carers,

As you know, 1st February 2017 marked an exciting day in the history of our four schools, as we moved from collaboration to a formal Federation, under the Executive Headship of Mrs Julie Morton Lee.

At the same time, Governors were variously elected, nominated, appointed and co-opted on to the Federated Governing Body. Governors will work together corporately to discharge their statutory responsibilities across the four schools. These responsibilities are;

- *Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.*
- *Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the schools and their pupils.*
- *Overseeing the financial performance of the schools and making sure money is well spent.*

Governors will work as two committees - School Improvement (SI) and Resources (R), in addition to establishing the new role of Link Governor for each of the four schools. Details of the Governors' responsibilities are overleaf and a description of the role of 'Link' Governor will shortly be available on the school websites. Please note that we are carrying a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor with expertise in financial management; if you are interested in finding out more about this please do contact me at the email address below.

In order that you can meet the new Governing Body, we would like to invite you to an informal gathering at Grassington School on Tuesday 14th March at 4.00pm. Children will be welcome to accompany you and light refreshments will be provided.

If you wish to raise any issues regarding your child's time in school, please continue to do so using the existing process i.e. class teacher/ base leader/ Executive Headteacher. If your query relates to Governance, then you can contact your link Governor through the school or myself at the address below.

Please be assured that the Governors have the interests of the pupils, staff, parents and communities very much at heart. I look forward to meeting with you.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Vetch
Chair of Governors
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Governors February 2017

Jan Crawford (SI / Link Governor, Burnsall) - Foundation Governor

Natasha Dodd (SI) - Staff Governor

David Macha (SI) - Foundation Governor

Julie Morton Lee (SI / R) - Executive Headteacher

Rob Stockdale (R) - Foundation Governor

Sally Taylor (R) - Parent Governor

Siobhan Tywang (SI / Link Governor Grassington) - Co-opted Governor

Peter Vernon (R /Link Governor Cracoe) - Parent Governor, Vice-Chair

Anne Vetch (SI /R / Link Governor Kettlewell) - Chair

Nicky White (R) – Co-opted Governor

Barbara McLaughlin (SI) - Foundation Governor
(Awaiting formal confirmation of appointment)

Vacancy (R) – Co-opted Governor, Finance

SI = School Improvement Committee

R = Resources Committee