

# Merry Christmas

Carbeile Junior School

## Governors' Newsletter – Autumn 2021

Welcome to our termly newsletter which comes at the end of a very busy and challenging term. I hope many of you are familiar with our governing board but for those of you new to Carbeile the full board is shown below.



**Mr Pete Hamlyn**

**Head Teacher**



**Mrs Sheena Morton**

**Chair of Governors**



**Mrs Nikki Evans**

**Vice Chair**



**Mr Andy Gordon**

**Parent Governor**



**Mrs V Shaw**

**Teacher Governor**



**Mrs Tracey Cullerton**

**Co-opted Governor**



**Mr Alex Bird**

**Co-opted Governor**



**Mrs Martine Blandin-Neves**

**Co-opted Governor**



**Mr Steve Corbidge**

**Co-opted Governor**



**Mrs Sarah Phillips**

**Co-opted Governor**



**Mrs Caroline Sales**

**Associate Governor**



**Miss Jenny Parker**

**Clerk**

As well as attending a full governors' day at school every term, every governor attends a committee meeting (Teaching and Learning, Business or Personnel) each term and we are invited to attend some training sessions, alongside the staff, to develop and enhance our knowledge and skills.

**Sheena Morton - Chair**

### **Review of Governance**

As a board, we felt it was important to ask a National Leader of Governance to come and spend a day with us in school to review every aspect of our governance. Jackie Eason is the regional governance professional, who visited us in September. During the meeting she examined our documentation and spoke at length to the Chair and Vice Chair about how the board fulfils its roles and responsibilities.

In the report that followed the visit, we were very pleased to receive her comment that **“The discussions we had and documents viewed during my visit evidenced robust, effective governance with many examples of excellent practice.”**

### **Ofsted Inspection**

As you know Carbeile had a visit this term from an Ofsted inspector and, as part of her two day inspection, she spent some time talking to members of the governing board. It was important that governors could demonstrate how we are sustaining and continuing to improve the quality of education for children. We were asked a series of questions to find out how we support the school in areas such as safeguarding, the curriculum and wellbeing.

### **Clerk Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a Clerk to our board. The role is part time and funded for 7 hours per week. If you think you have the skills to join our team please contact Pete Hamlyn or Sheena Morton for further information.

### **Safeguarding training**

As a governing board we take the safeguarding of children very seriously and the governor responsible for safeguarding is Sheena Morton. Her role ensures oversight and scrutiny of safeguarding policy, procedure and practice on behalf of the governing body. She regularly meets with Holly Bridges (Safeguarding Lead) and reports are then sent to the full board. Another key responsibility is to regularly monitor all the information contained on the Single Central Register (SCR). This certifies that all statutory safe guarding checks have been carried out on staff, governors, and anyone who has contact with children in school, and is correct and up to date.

It is important that our safeguarding governor attends regular training in safer recruitment to know the legislation and policies required, before and during interviews of staff, to ensure child protection protocols are adhered to.

‘Keeping children safe in education’ is the statutory guidance for schools on safeguarding children and was updated in September 2021. It is very important for governors to be aware of the changes in legislation and Sheena Morton attended the school in-service training at the beginning of this term and an on line safeguarding course on 11<sup>th</sup> November run by the county advisor on safeguarding.

All that remains is, to once again thank all the staff for their valiant efforts to ‘keep calm and carry on’ this term in face of staff sickness, ever changing rules and regulations to keep everyone safe and Ofsted! I hope that you can all enjoy everything that Christmas means to you and be with family and friends that you were, perhaps, not able to see last year.

Finally let’s hope that 2022 brings you all you wish for.

