



# Governors' Sharing Assembly

Friday 29th November 2019



# Agenda

- Welcome
- What do the Dropmore governors do? – Tim Wicks
- Who are the governors? - Themselves
- School Finances update – Helen Beurier
- School Travel Plan update – Hayley Wilson
- Q&A
- Close



# What the governors do

The governing body provides strategic leadership and accountability at Dropmore. The governing body:

- Ensures clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Oversees the financial performance of the school and makes sure its money is well spent
- Holds the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils



# What the governors don't do

- Undertake audits
- Spend much time with the pupils
- Fundraise
- Undertake classroom observation to judge the quality of teaching
- Do the job of school staff



# Who are the governors

- Here today: .....
- You can find us all on the website here: [Governing Body Members](#)

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## Governing Body Members

The Governing Body meets termly for a clerked Full Governing Body meeting. We have two committees:

- Finance, Buildings and Personnel (FBP)
- Curriculum Development and Pupil Matters (CDPM)

All governors sit on at least one committee. The committees also meet once a term. This term the meeting schedule is:  
CDPM meeting - Tuesday 15th October 2019  
FBP meeting - Tuesday 22nd October 2019  
FGB meeting - Tuesday 12th November 2019  
Next term the meeting schedule is:  
CDPM meeting - Thursday 13th February 2020  
FBP meeting - Tuesday 25th February 2020  
FGB meeting - Tuesday 10th March 2020

Governors with business or financial interest: NONE  
Governors with governance roles in other schools: NONE

**Mr Tim Wicks**  
CHAIR OF GOVERNORS Co-Opted Governor. Term of office 4 years. Sits on the CDPM and FBP Committee. Area of Responsibility - Health & Safety, Performance Management and Safeguarding.

**Mrs Helen Beurier**  
VICE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS. Parent Governor. Term of office 4 years. Sits on FBP Committee. Area of Responsibility - PE funding and Performance Management

**Mrs Gitta Streete**  
Headteacher. Sits on CDPM and FBP Committee.

**Mrs Elizabeth Willment**  
Parent Governor. Term of office 4 years. Sits on the CDPM Committee. Area of Responsibility - English and Governor Development.

**Mr Alan Moss**  
Local Authority Governor. Term of office 4 years. Sits on CDPM Committee. Area of Responsibility - Inclusion (SEND/PP/G&T)

**Mrs Hayley Wilson**  
Co-opted Governor. Term of office 4 years. Sits on FBP Committee. Area of Responsibility - School Travel Plan, Early Years and GDPR

**Miss Amy Douglas**  
Staff Governor. Sits on CDPM Committee

**Mrs Sam Aspinall**  
Co-opted Governor. Term of Office 4 years. Sits on the FBP Committee. Area of Responsibility - PSHE and Wellbeing

**Ms Charlotte Zittel**  
Parent Governor. Term of office 4 years. Sits on the CDPM Committee. Area of responsibility - Maths and Equalities

**Mrs Rochelle Fearon**  
Associate member. Attends the CDPM Committee meetings. Area of Responsibility - Inclusion and Website



# School Finances Update – Helen Beurier



# Our school vision

At Dropmore Infant School, staff, parents and governors work together to provide an excellent education for all pupils in a safe, caring and happy learning environment.



## We deliver in a context of reducing funds

- Since 2010/11 the school's income has risen by 31%
- The cost of supplies and services over the same period has risen over 100%





## We are addressing school income

- Additional capacity welcomed into school
- Opportunities for additional Government funding
- Super active and supportive PTA for exceptional items
- Recent measures e.g. school meals



## Current outlook

- Our school finished the last financial year 2018/19 with a deficit for the first time in its history.
- Our sitting capital of £50,000 has been eaten away since 2015.
- We expect to finish this financial year of 2019/20 with a total deficit in the region of £12,000.
- This deficit looks set to increase over time without additional funding.



## How you can help

- Any amount you feel you can spare to support the school is welcome.
- Time is just as important.
- Help to maintain the school is really welcome.





## Reception outside resources:

- Tuff spot mirror tray £15.00-£20.00
- Outside book boxes x2 £10-£15
- Building bricks £60-70
- Mud kitchen accessories £20



New £1 coins

for maths lessons and role play areas.

£3.99 per pack (50)

2 sided colour counters

for maths lessons

£8.99 per set (200)



100 bead strings

£3.98 each





Purple – Lime Reading books  
for home reading

£90 set of 23  
(other publishers <£8 per book)



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Rigby Star





Books to go with our CDs for  
Guided reading

for all years

Approx. £10 per book  
(We need sets of 6)

Our Audio Book list  
will be found on the  
website.





# Dropmore Travel Plan UPDATE

Travel Governor- Hayley Wilson

Travel Plan Manager- Rebekah  
Fearon



# Possible Solutions- OUR OWN CAR PARK

1- Lease Land surrounding Dropmore and convert this into a large Car Park

We are going to survey the number of cars parked next week and count how many are illegally parked/dangerously parked to support our application to convert the land usage

We are also obtaining the speed camera data we have collected in the past from the council to support our application

We are securing someone from Highways to officially come and assess the situation

- We are in dialogue with the lovely owner who has been very supportive of our school and our need to keep our children and their families safe
- We are working with the council to see if the land can be converted into a car park
- If this option fails we can investigate other land. This land is most preferable as it doesn't require crossing the road
- We could also look at the land behind the outdoor classroom as an option



# Other Possible Solutions

1- Put up Travel Signs from Sparco.

These are the signs which have flashing lights and show your speed in red or green.

We really need 3 in all 3 directions. They are £2,000 each.

They are solar powered and easy to install and maintain

- The council are helping by sharing Funding options for us. I was informed it is quite likely we will be able to obtain some funding toward these.



# Other Ideas we have investigated

## kiss and drop

1- We were advised that encouraging people to park, walk their children into school and kiss and then leave could actually be more dangerous.

Because the free spaces to park in would then be staggered and it could be more disruptive to the flow of traffic with people trying to parallel park

- This also poses a potential safe guarding and funding issue with teachers not actually being employed until 9am
- We are also concerned on the impact this will have on the smaller children. The ringing of the bell signifies the end of playing and the start of their school day as does the process of entering school.
- This will also impact the lovely community feel we all know and love



# Other Ideas we have investigated breakfast club

I am sure you will all know this is  
in action and set up!

We are interested to see how the  
numbers increase at breakfast  
club and the impact that  
breakfast club days will have on  
the results of our Travel Survey

Breakfast club obviously reduces  
the number of cars needed to  
park at the same time each  
morning



# Other interim solutions

Mrs Streete

Will be on the gate from 8.40am  
so if you need to kiss and drop  
please do! Every space helps



# Other interim solutions

## Possible Before School Club

This could alleviate the pressure on the current area by a few cars on the worst days!



# Other Solutions

- Our Own School Travel Plan
  - Hayley & Gitta attended a Travel Plan training course
  - The main focus of the course was Sustainable & Safe Travel
  - We are working toward Dropmore obtaining a Bronze accreditation
  - Suggestions
    - Encourage children to lift share. Even if it is just one day a week. Maybe if you were aware of the worst mornings number wise we could encourage you to lift share on these days – and it is better for the environment!!
    - Appoint a Junior Eco Warrior to encourage lift sharing
    - Safe Parking Badge
- Share with the children where it is and isn't safe to park and they could hold you to account too!



# PARKED (GET IT) Solutions

## **Jolly Woodman & Walk Way**

- Lack of safe crossing and barriers
- Lack of footpaths, barriers between the road and walkways, buggies, bad weather, toddlers etc.
- This option would also need a lollypop lady





# Suggestions to Hayley Wilson - Governor

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# Survey Results

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July- Hayley Wilson- 44 cars- 34 safe- 10 unsafe- 6 at breakfast club

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July- Rebekah Fearon- 42 cars- 27 safe- 15 unsafe

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November- Rebekah Fearon 42 cars- 29 safe- 13 unsafe- M4 closed.



# Questions & Answers



# Close

- Thank-you for sparing the time to come and meet us
- And finally a few words about OfStEd

