

Ide Governor Update

Autumn 2022

We were delighted to welcome 3 new governors to the governing board for our first meeting of the new school year. Ben Jordan and Damon Rew are our two Parent Governors. Our third new governor, Kirsty Grant (actually also an Ide parent) had replied to an earlier invitation in the Ide Times and so was welcomed as a Community or Co-opted Governor. As you can read below, they are bringing a wide range of experience and skills, which we intend to exploit fully to increase our effectiveness in supporting the school!



Ben Jordan – Parent Governor

I have two children, both in pre-school. The family moved into Ide 7 years ago and feel very privileged to be part of this community. Education is hugely important and the environment where it is delivered is critical. I run two businesses (The Bear Trail and Bear Town) showing that I am essentially a grown-up child, hopefully with the experience of running the team and a slick operation. I care deeply about how children learn, interact and mainly how they view the world. It is a fascinating picture when they describe the world and it is a brighter place for it. When not grappling with a spreadsheet, I am taking apart my old motorbike with a hopeful aim of restoration, I am keen to see how I can use my experience and enthusiasm in this new role.



Damon Rew - Parent Governor

I have lived in the village for the past 7 years with my wife and two children, the oldest of whom is in Maple Class and the youngest is in his final year in the pre-school. I have been a qualified social worker for the past 13 years; initially working in various child protection and disabled children teams for the first decade of my career, and more recently in an adult safeguarding team for the past 3 years. I am keen to be involved with the direction of the school and make a positive contribution towards ensuring that the school upholds it's current high standards, whilst making further strides forward to ensure that all children in the school receive the best possible education and experience during their time there.



Kirsty Grant - Co-opted Governor

Living in Ide and with my daughter in Maple Class, it will be a privilege to contribute to and support the school that's central to our community. I'm passionate about the possibilities that education can bring to someone's life and keen to be part of a governing board that aspires to enable all children to thrive. I trained as an Occupational Therapist and have worked with young people across health and education services for the past 12 years. Currently, I lead the operational delivery for counselling, mental health and disability services at the University of Exeter. As a governor, I hope to draw on my knowledge and experience in HR, policy development, safeguarding and wellbeing.

You can find out more about their new roles and responsibilities and those of all the other governors on the governor pages in the Our School section of the School Website.

Focus for 2022-23

Following the changed focus of Ofsted Inspections, we will again be spending a lot of our time checking that curriculum planning, implementation and impact are enabling all the children to enjoy and make the best possible progress in their learning. To help us carry this out in a way that is as easy to do and as useful to the school as possible, we have devised a new set of guidelines for our monitoring visits which we will be trying out this year. We will let you know how this is going in our [Spring Update](#).