

Salway Ash CE VA Primary School

Governors' News - Spring Term 2023



Chair



Vice Chair



Headteacher



*Our School Values:
Compassion, Hope, Respect, Joy & Perseverance*



Last term we advertised for a new parent governor and whilst we did not have any parents apply, a grandparent of a child here at Salway Ash did. Grandparents can only be parent governors if they are registered as the carer of a child at the school. However, as a governing body, we do have the ability to appoint Associate Governors. These are members of the community who we feel will bring additional skills and experience to our board, and when Mr Overment and I met Felice "Fel" Moore, it was obvious that he had these in abundance and so the full governing body has voted to appoint him as Associate Governor.

Both of Fel's daughters, Kirsty and Beth attended Salway Ash school and his granddaughter, Eden, is now at school here too. Fel has previously run youth centres across Dorset and before his retirement, he was in a position with Dorset Council overseeing the management youth services across the West, North and East of county. He has run international exchange expeditions for young people both in the UK and abroad was formerly the Duke of Edinburgh Award officer for Dorset.



Fel is a volunteer at Bridport Blind Club where he has helped for 15 years and he has keen interests in fishing, music and Sport. Like Mr Overment, he is a supporter of a blue football team, but not the Ipswich Town, he has supported Leicester City since he was a boy as he grew up in the town.

I'm sure you will all join us in extending a warm welcome to Governor Fel Moore.

Darren Stanton, Chair of Governors

Parent Governor Election... So we are still looking for a new Parent Governor. It is a legal requirement for the school to fill this vacancy and so we will send out details of an election process after the Easter Holidays. Being a school governor is a really rewarding role and it really is a pleasure to be one here at Salway Ash. The main reasons that parents think it may not be for them is usually that they don't think they have enough time or they worry that they don't have any knowledge of the role. We can reassure you on both fronts that despite us all having busy lives away from school, we all find the capacity to attend occasional meetings and to help with the oversight of the running of the school. It really is a team effort and as a result of having such a great team of governors, we are each able to give a little effort which adds a lot when combined. The varying life skills that we all have, combined with training (which nowadays is mostly completed at your leisure online), are all that we need and there is no need for you to have a background in education. We all want to help your children to succeed and for Salway Ash to be the best school it can be. This is only possible when Staff, Governors, Parents and Children all do their bit. Please do give the vacancy some thought over the Easter Holidays and if you'd like to speak to me informally about the role, please do contact me at dstanton@salwayash.dorset.sch.uk

From all the Governors at Salway Ash School, we wish all of you a restful Easter Holidays