



Bomere & the XI Towns Federation

Governor Spotlight

July 2022



A message from Keith Lister Chair of Governors

Greetings from your Board of Governors and a particularly warm welcome to all of our new pupils who will be joining us in September and to new parents, many of whom I had the pleasure of meeting at our recent New Starter's Parents Evenings.

Although we were all relieved that there were no lockdowns during this academic year, we were still very much on our guard to ensure that remaining covid risks were minimized and we would like to thank all of our staff, pupils and parents for their co-operation following the covid guidance, which we updated as the pandemic was subsiding.

I said in my last Newsletter that as a Board of Governors, we couldn't be more delighted and proud of the support that we were able to offer pupils during the last 2 years, particularly the on line lessons during lockdowns. We are thrilled to report that this has subsequently been recognized by the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire who invited Julie Ball on behalf of our Federation to a Garden Party in celebration of 'Covid Heros'.

Along with everyone else, we are delighted to be 'getting back to normal' again and we were especially pleased to be able to resume school trips, residential, face to face meetings and link governor school visits during the summer term, the latter being one of the great rewards of volunteering as a School Governor!

Being a School Governor is a fascinating and very rewarding experience and we are blessed with a Governing Body with a wide range of skills and backgrounds. We have 2 vacancies at the moment, so if you would like to volunteer, please let James (Vice Chair) or me know directly or via either school office. Thank you for your continued support to our Federation.

Keith Lister, Chair of Governors

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Members of the Governing Body

Keith Lister	Chair of Governors (Co-
James Reynolds	Vice Chair (Parent Governor)
Julie Ball	Executive Headteacher
Sallie Roberts	Deputy Headteacher (Co-
Katie Farmer	Staff Governor
Tamarin Bibow	Local Authority Governor
Lucinda Burns	Foundation Governor
Barbara Gallimore	Foundation Governor
Hannah Lins	Foundation Governor
Emma Quigley	Foundation Governor
Rachel Hudson	Parent Governor
Tony Simpson	Co-opted Governor
Richard Kinley	Co-opted Governor
Vacancy	Co-opted Governor
Suzanne Jones	Co-opted Governor
Patsi Park	Co-opted Governor
Hannah Reynolds	Associate Governor
Vacancy	Co-opted Governor

Update

This year we have enjoyed a year of relative stability with only 1 resignation to report—unfortunately Lidya Colella-Davies has resigned and we thank her for her service over the last year. We have most recently been delighted to welcome Mrs Tamarin Bibow to our Governing Body as our new Local Authority LA Governor. We have included short biographies for Tamarin and Patsi Park (who joined us last year) on page 2.

What do Governors do?

Governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in our school. We hold the main responsibility for finance in school and work alongside the Executive Headteacher to make decisions about budgeting. Governors work with the schools to set the strategic direction, aims and objectives, and to monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achieving them. We appoint, support and challenge the senior leaders and have an important role in ensuring that all stakeholders in the schools have a voice.

New Governor Profiles



My name is **Patsi Park** and I am a retired infant teacher from Somerset.

My last position was at a large infant school of seven classes plus a nursery. I was a class teacher and as Literacy subject leader was part of the management team. Our last inspection before I retired was in 2014 obtaining outstanding in all areas.

I arrived in Ruyton X1 Towns in June 2018 and became a regular and active church member. I've worked with St John's children several times at the Remembrance Activity Day, The Pentecost morning in church and at the Easter Experience.

My ambition to become a governor began when I moved to the village but I had to wait for a vacancy. I'm now delighted to be a new governor and I will do my utmost to serve the governors, the staff and pupils at our wonderful school

Tamarin Bibow - I live in Ruyton with my husband and three young children.

I have always been passionate about education and ensuring children have access to top-class learning environments. I am an accountant, working with vulnerable adults in the community. Outside work, I enjoy playing tennis, walking our two dogs with the children and socialising with friends.

I very much look forward to working with the federation and giving it my all.



Training

Staff and Governors alike are provided with a wide variety of regular training sessions to support continuing professional development and school improvement activities. New Governors receive an Induction and New Governor Training including Safeguarding and Prevent as well as any topics relevant to their Link roles and/or committee membership eg Finance.

During and since the lockdowns, our meetings and training has all been carried out on line, which has necessitated achieving a level of proficiency in video conferencing with Microsoft Teams. We are due an Ofsted review at Bomere Heath during the this academic year (delayed from last year due to the pandemic) and all Governors have received Ofsted Inspection training in preparation for the next inspection.

Class Structure

Bomere Heath will remain at 5 classes and Ruyton will increase to 4 classes plus nursery in September based on current roll numbers.

Home School Agreement

We encourage parents to engage with school via our Home School Agreement which is available on our website.

School Improvements

This year we completed the new library and changes to the layout of Wrekin classroom to allow more space at Bomere Heath. We were delighted to be able to install a new trim trail at Bomere Heath, thanks to the generosity of the Friends, parents and local businesses

A year in numbers (Approximately!)

Hours spent in meetings per governor - **40 hours**

Link Governor visits into school (or on Teams this year!) - **62 hours in total**

Total hours spent on training - **40 hours**

Are you interested in becoming a governor?

If so, please contact the office at either school, or speak to Keith (Chair) or James (Vice Chair). Full training is provided and you can make a real difference. We would love to hear from you..

For more information about what the Governors of our Federation do, please visit the school websites:
www.bomereheath.shropshire.sch.uk or www.ruytonschool.org.uk