



# Governors Newsletter

June 2022

## Where has the year gone?

We can't believe it is already almost the end of summer term. The years go very quickly!

As governors we have had a busy academic year supporting the school and being involved in the background. We have warmly welcomed several new governors this year. Not only some new parent representatives, in Daniel and Martin, but Jay, Emanuel and Val also joined us this year and bring years of valuable experience in their fields to our Governing Body. We have all been getting to know our schools with many visits through the year. What a delight it has been to get back face to face in the schools after the last couple of years of zoom calls!

As part of our normal routine, we have attended visits within the school with external bodies, reviewed the vision and values, as well as the strategic plans and budgets. We also monitor the very detailed school improvement plans. A big focus for us this year has been wellbeing for both students and staff. As we are continually challenging ourselves, and the school, we want to thank our Parent and Carers community for their support in our recent Parent Survey which helps us shape what we do as schools.

We would like to wish any pupils, families and staff leaving our school this year all the very best for the future and hope that their time at Cunningham Hill has been an enjoyable one.

**Rondi Allan – Chair of Governors**

## Our Extracurricular Clubs

Recently on the BBC news I watched a story about a trial being conducted in Wales, where Primary schools offered their pupils a range of extra-curricular clubs. I watched this with interest.

We are exceptionally lucky that both our schools already place importance on the afterschool club offering. We are grateful that our staff plan, organise and conduct many of these clubs, at no additional cost to parents, giving their time, for the children to have fun and experience a new activity. Not every school has this!

As Governors we recognise that, the teacher-led and other organised activities are an important part of our 'Cunningham Hill' schools culture. We want to extend our 'Thanks' to all the staff involved in making this happen for our children – including the office staff who co-ordinate these for us all.

## Parentview

Every year, we ask parents and carers to complete the Parent View questionnaire. It is very simple to do and more than one parent or carer can complete it. It is important to us as a federation as it is a reflection of the attitudes of the parents who attend our schools.

It can be accessed here, and we would really appreciate your support:

[www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)



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## Geography and Design & Technology updates

As my role as the Geography and Design & Technology Link Governor, I visited the school to review the curriculum and meet with students on these subjects. Geography provision is of a strong standard across the schools, with an enthusiastic and knowledgeable leads. Children enjoy a dynamic learning that brings Geography to life; a key feature for making Geography memorable and sustainable for students. It is great to see the school working towards a road map for all of the Geography topics and applications across both schools and linking the Geography's profile through events and celebrations of learning.

Design & Technology is doing well across the federation, and is strongly led by the subject leaders. Children love and enjoy the potential of collaboration in D&T. I have learned that D&T is distinct and separate from Art and Design and appreciate the amount of time required to set up equipment, to make sure that there is also sufficient productive time set aside for pupil's project work.

Now that Covid is behind us, it would be great to see additional external visits into the school, to embed the D&T topics with the students learning, while also being aligned with the Curriculum.

Thanks to the staff for spending time with me on Geography and D&T.

Jay Shodimu

## Who are the Governors?

We are diverse group of volunteers, who form part of the leadership of the school. We conduct skills audits to ensure we have the right people around the table to support and lead our school.

We all sit of one of sub-committees and have subject or specific lead roles, e.g. Safeguarding, Maths, Health and Safety, etc. We all meet with the school frequently to support in our various roles and then share our knowledge with the rest of Governing Body. Each Governor also has mandatory governors training they must complete annually.

If you would like to know more about us and what we do, please see our page on the school website

<https://cunninghamhill.herts.sch.uk/governor-profiles>

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Committees</b>
Rondi Allan	Co-opted	Chair of Governors
Val Chester	Co-opted	Curriculum and Wellbeing
Carole Connelly	Clerk	Full Governing Body
Justine Elbourne-Cload	Staff	Executive Headteacher
Michelle Fadil	Parent	Resources
Daniel James	Co-opted	Chair of Resources
Martin Prickett	Parent	Chair of Curriculum and Wellbeing
Jay Shodimu	Co-opted	Resources
Sohan Soral	LA Governor	Resources
Nikki Spencer	Staff	Curriculum and Wellbeing
Emanuel Stanciu	Co-opted	Resources
Matt Tavender	Staff	Head of Schools
Zoe Westgarth	Co-opted	Vice Chair / Curriculum and Wellbeing