



AUTMN TERM 2019

NEWS FROM THE BENTHAL GOVERNORS

What We Do: The Governors' Role Explained

The Benthal Governing Board's role is to be a 'critical friend' to the headteacher which means that we challenge her and support her. Each governor has a specific area of responsibility for example health & safety, pupil outcomes, inclusion, finance, safeguarding and pupil/parent voice. We have individual meetings with relevant members of staff, observe lessons and other activities, discuss issues with the headteacher and report back to the other governors at least once a term.

Overall we are responsible for appointing senior staff, including the headteacher, overseeing and signing off the school's budget, monitoring and evaluating the school's progress, helping to set the aims and objectives for the school, as well as agreeing the policies for achieving these aims and objectives.

We are all volunteers – no one is paid to be a governor – and we are all committed to working with the school to ensure that Benthal continually strives for improvement and provides the best possible educational experience for all of its children with irresistible learning opportunities every day in a safe and stimulating environment where the aspirations of all are high.

Updates

The governors have all visited the school several times this term, for governing body meetings and individual visits. It's great to see all of the new improvements around the school and we look forward to helping Benthal celebrate the launch of the new library at the beginning of next term which will be a great resource, helping to support reading across the school. We are grateful to last year's school council for their help with the designs and Friends of Benthal for raising the funds to make it all happen.

It was great to see Benthal featured in the Hackney Citizen newspaper earlier this month for the children's participation in the Winter Toy Appeal – we are proud to be governors at a school that supports children in need across the borough.

Now that the parent council, Benthal Parent Voice, has launched, we look forward to having this direct link to the views of parents and carers at Benthal. A member of the governing board will be present at the Benthal Parent Voice termly meetings and will report back to the rest of the governors.

Your Governors

The Governing Board of Benthall Primary School is made up of parent governors, school elected representatives, co-opted governors, a local authority appointed governor and the Headteacher

Who We Are

Louise Drew, Headteacher
Jo Carter, Chair of Governors
Fatima Haffeji, Staff Governor
Henry Greenwood, Community Governor
Mandy Ayres, Community Governor
Michael Simpson, Community Governor

Nathan Waddington, Community Governor
Councillor Sem Moema, Local Authority Governor
Shabnum Hassan, Parent Governor
Stella Sandford, Vice-Chair of Governors
Susannah Barker, Parent Governor
Tom Hindson, Community Governor

Contact

If you would like to contact the governors please email us at the following address:
governors@benthall.hackney.sch.uk.

Please note that emails are reviewed weekly so there may be a short delay before you get a response.

If you have a concern regarding the day-to-day running of the school please discuss this with any member of the teaching staff, office staff or senior leadership team. If they cannot resolve the issue then they will pass the details on to the relevant member of staff who will respond to you as quickly as they can. The Governing Board is not able to get involved at this stage and emails regarding these concerns will be forwarded on to Ms Drew.