

## William Penn Governors' Newsletter – Spring 2022

### School Vision

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and ideas through last term's survey linked to the development of our school vision. We have added these to those of our staff and pupils so that we can gain a clear understanding of what is already working well and what we can work on to improve our provision still further.

The vision working party has met to review the key themes and the full governing body has agreed the focus areas for our 3 year strategic plan. The first draft is underway and we hope this will be ready to share with parents in the early part of the summer term.

### Stakeholder Surveys

Continuing the theme of stakeholder views, we are approaching the point in each academic year where we survey our parents, staff and pupils on a broad range of topics linked to school life.

Governors will be attending the parent consultation evenings later this term and the survey will also be sent out electronically to ensure all parents have the opportunity to contribute. The questions have been reviewed and revised for this year to incorporate all the 'Ofsted Parent View' questions plus some additional ones which we feel are important to our school. The survey should only take 5-10 minutes to complete – we really do value and appreciate your feedback and encourage as many responses as possible.

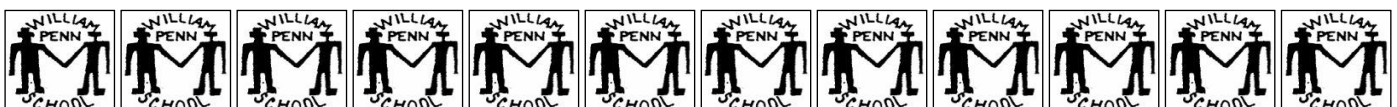
Governors will spend an afternoon in school supporting pupils to complete their surveys and we will also survey staff. We will share the key themes from the surveys with you in the summer term.

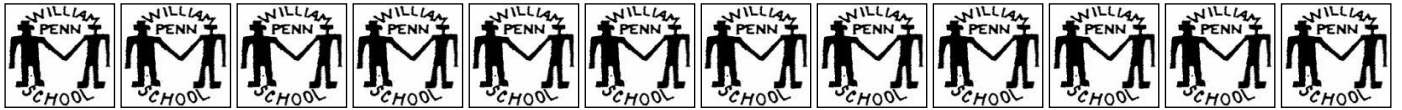
### Spotlight on ... the Premises Lead Governor

Governors must take "reasonable steps" to ensure staff and pupils are not exposed to risks to their health and safety and must make sure the school is meeting its legal responsibilities. Although not involved in the operational aspect of premises management, governors monitor that the key tasks are being completed and that there are no issues. Our lead governor for Health and Safety is Ben Toogood who has the responsibility for carrying out a focused premises visit each term and then reports back to the full governing body.

On the premises front, we have significant work either planned or in progress to develop the outside areas of the school site. The governing body plays a crucial role in determining the best use of school finances to enhance the provision for our pupils. The works are summarised as follows:

- Running Track: the funds have been in place for this for almost a year now. However, the availability of raw materials and the contractor presented some challenges in carrying out the works during the summer period. We had hoped for the work to be carried out during the October half term but the conditions of the field made this impossible. This is under regular review and as soon as the field is dry enough, the track will be installed.
- KS1 Outside Area: Work has begun to refresh the KS1 outside area. We have recently taken delivery of new picnic benches and plan to replace the worn out bike track and grassy area (which is prone to becoming a mud bath!) with AstroTurf so that it can be used all year round. The boat will benefit from a replacement floor and we will also be refreshing some of the learning resources.





- The Former Pond Area: this is a project being led by our school council and includes renaming this part of the school grounds as well as considering how this area can be repurposed to provide the maximum benefit to our pupils' learning and enjoyment. A local company has offered support to this project and pupils will be writing to parents in the coming weeks to update you on their plans.
- Playground Resources: The school has invested in new resources for pupils to use during break and lunch times to enhance their enjoyment and to support an active and healthy lifestyle.

Best wishes

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Chair of Governors

