



## **William Penn Governor Newsletter – Spring 2018**

Welcomes and goodbyes:

We say goodbye to our Parent Governor Emma Farncombe, with many thanks for her service, during which she was responsible for SEN matters; this concern is now taken on by Phil Bellas. And Sarah Storey is also at the end of her Governor time; thank you for her interest in sport in the school.

Ian Davies is a welcome appointment to the board as new Parent Governor. He is currently Director of Rugby, and Chemistry teacher, at Christs Hospital, and was a Governor at his son's school, in Penzance – where he directed the Cornish Pirates (Rugby club!). Our other new Parent Governor is Damon Crowhurst, whom we welcome; he has three children at William Penn, and as he is only just appointed, we will hope to have more about him for you in our next newsletter.

Data protection:

Regulations come into effect in April which everyone will have to comply to; but what you will actually see in school is that there will be lockable cupboards in classrooms; teachers will not be using memory sticks; and Governors are able to assure parents and staff that information about the William Penn school, pupils, parents, staff and Governors, will not be kept on their personal drives. (Well you will not see the last!). Why all this? To make sure that any personal information is held safely, responsibly, and only with permission. We are pleased we shall be able to meet the 25<sup>th</sup> May deadline, at William Penn.

Governors continue to enjoy training given by WSCC and others, all to help them help the school to be The Best. We are glad to hear from Vanessa Young that she will lead Restorative Practice training for Governors next term. Blue Idol funding will now go into peer mentor training for the children. Vanessa is also searching for a school in Pennsylvania USA which we hope might take up links with William Penn School, UK.

Did you know that there are 80 different Policies at the school? Everything from School Uniform to Emergency Planning has been the subject of a WP Policy. Governors are currently reviewing and, we hope, condensing this list, whilst insuring that the school continues to have all necessary policies in place.

Spring may or may not be here. As I write, the snow is coming down and we do hope that the Summer Term will mean what it says.

Best wishes from the Governors.

Su Johnston (Quaker Foundation Governor) on behalf of the Governing Body

