

Welcome to the Governor's page on the school website!

As Chair of Governors, I am delighted to welcome you to the Governor's section of Savile Town school website.

We have an extremely active Governing Body at Savile Town who work very closely with the Headteacher and all the staff at the school.

School Governors are one of the largest voluntary organisations in the country. A school governor is often referred to as a 'critical friend' providing support and challenge to the Headteacher in managing the school. Essentially they are responsible, in collaboration with the head teacher, for managing the effectiveness of the school.

The law requires governing bodies and for the governing body to fulfil 3 core functions:

- ensure the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined, including reviewing and agreeing policies written by the school;
- ensure the Headteacher performs his/her responsibilities for the education performance of the school;
- ensure the sound, correct and effective use of the school's financial resources.

Governors are not responsible for:

- the internal organisation, management and control of the school;
- the educational performance of the school.

These are the responsibility of the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and the governors offer support and advice to the Headteacher, drawing on knowledge and experience from outside the school.

Governors are appointed for a 4 year term. Each governor volunteers and undertakes their duties in accordance with the governor code of conduct.

The Governors of Savile Town school are thrilled the School is recognised as 'good' (October 2017) - a tremendous achievement by everyone involved. As a Governing Body, we are working alongside the SLT to build on this success and commit to a plan of improvement for the learning outcomes of all our pupils in which we aspire to become 'outstanding'.

There are 10 governors at Savile Town:

3 staff governors (including the Head teacher);

1 Co-opted;

1 LA governor appointed by Kirklees Council;

2 Parent governors;

1 Community governor;

1 Foundation Diocesan;

1 Foundation (Ex-officio).

Please visit our *Governor's* page to view our responsibilities.

We are always keen to hear from anyone who has questions or feedback. Governors can be contacted via the school office.

Full governing body meetings at Savile Town are held once every half term. Our Resources Committee meetings and Standards and Effectiveness Committee meetings gather alternatively prior to full governor meetings.

Kind regards,

Kate Allen

Chair of *Governors*

D.Douglas - Headteacher

I have been the Headteacher at Savile Town since January 2012 and thoroughly enjoy working here, being part of an extremely committed team of staff and Governors who always put children at the centre of all decisions that are made. The children are so enthusiastic in all they do and we are very well supported by the parents and community. Visitors regularly comment on the welcoming atmosphere in school and how polite and motivated the children are. We have very close links with all the local schools and embrace this in preparing the children to move onto their next stage in education.

K.Allen - LA Governor (Chair)

I have been a governor at Savile Town for nearly three years and have recently taken on the role of Chair, for the next two years. I am looking forward to my new role and feel proud and privileged to be working alongside the dedicated and hard-working staff and governors we have at Savile Town. I feel passionate about having children at the centre of our decision-making.

Mariyam Sharif - Co-opted (Vice-chair)

I am a new member of the Governing Body at Savile Town Infant School. Currently I am an assistant head teacher at a junior school. I am very excited about this new position since Savile Town holds many fond memories for me. As a child, I attended the Infant School and I feel this is an opportunity for me to start giving back to the community.

I believe my experience can make a positive contribution to the continued success of the school whilst supporting the governing body to ensure children are given the best possible start to their education.

Kirsty Asquith - Staff

I have been staff governor about 3 years. I feel very passionate about being on our governing body as it helps me share the good practices and achievements of our school. I also feel that I provide a voice for the children that are within school. I enjoy working collaboratively with other members of the community ensuring we get a variety of ideas of how we can further promote and improve the school.

Mohammed Zahoor - Parent

I have been a governor at Savile Town Infants School for over a year now. I enjoy being part of a team that is very involved in making some real positive changes into the local school and children's future. The school has given me tremendous amount of support personally and I feel extremely privileged to give something back in return.

Saima Khan - Parent

I have been a parent governor at Savile Town Infants and Nursery School for over a year now. I attended Savile Town Infants, as well as my siblings, and currently my children attend so it holds a very special place in my heart.

The love and support this school offers to the community and to each individual is remarkable. Every voice is heard and every person is seen.

Earlier this year my daughter, who attends Savile Town, was diagnosed with ASD. Mrs Douglas and all the staff at the school ensured my daughter's needs were met and ensured she was comfortable and at ease from the very first day she started school and have maintained that till this day. I feel privileged to be able to give something back to a school which thrives to give the best start in life to every child.

I have lived in this community my whole life, and to be a parent governor at Savile Town Infants can ensure that I can be there for my community and give back the love and support which Savile Town has given for years.

Debra Roberts - Staff

I have worked in a school setting in Savile Town for over 30 years and have always felt welcomed by the community and the children and families passing through our doors. By being a governor, I feel I can give something back - helping to ensure that in school, we do all we can to support our children and give them the best possible start on their journey into education. I strongly feel that 'Working Together' is not just our school motto, but the way we conduct ourselves in a partnership with our families, the staff team and the governing body for the benefit of the children in our care. It is a privilege to be part of such a committed and supportive team.

Revd Ann Pollard - Foundation

I am a retired Church of England priest and it is my privilege to have been appointed by the Diocese as a Foundation Governor of the school, joining the governing body in 2016, and my specific governor role is as governor for Early Years children.

As a faith school our ethos is to serve our children and school community and to encourage Christian values in caring for each other and encouraging respect toward everyone.

I am pleased to be associated with a school that aspires to provide the very best that education can offer and encourages and enables our children to grow, learn and achieve their full potential to be valuable and valued members of our society.

Michael Booth - Foundation

I have been a governor at Savile Town for 18 years and previously held the post of chair for 12. Currently I am a Foundation governor, Dewsbury Minster. I enjoy being part of a team that can make a positive change to young lives and their futures. All the children work hard and are so enthusiastic in their learning with the support of the dedicated teachers. A wonderful school to be involved in.