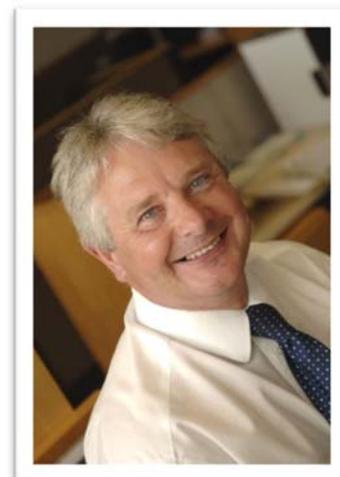


Dear Parents

September 2015

Welcome to a new school year at Hyde Park Schools

My name is Chris Sweby, and I am the new Federated Chair of Governors at Hyde Park Infant and Junior schools. My role is to have overall responsibility of the governance of both the schools. I have been a school governor at Hyde Park Infants for approximately 12 years, where I have had an interest in the financial and personnel aspects of the school. I was chair of the Finance committee in the infant school.



We have agreed that there should be a chair for each school, working closely with the staff and head teacher on a frequent basis, with myself as Chair of the whole Federation.

This will enable Nick Hellings, Chair of the Infants, and Alex Nicholson, Chair of the Juniors, to liaise with the head teachers on a regular basis.

We have organised the governors into teams for monitoring and evaluation purposes, thus enabling all governors to have an active role in the governance of the schools.

We believe that bringing the two schools closer together in the Federation, creates and sustains opportunities for the schools and its staff to work closely together.

We are a brand-new board of governors, we are quickly establishing our roles where one Board is now responsible for the governance of two schools within our governor vision.

We have been busy during the last weeks of last term and the first weeks of this term, working with Karen Powell [www.effectiveschoolgovernance.co.uk], who has a vast knowledge of school governance, to provide a schedule of training and governance for the year. With her guidance, we are working towards being outstanding in governance, for example –

- Small teams of Governors having specific roles in English, Maths, Finance , Safeguarding and Standards
- Having regular whole governor meetings, currently monthly
- Pre-planned governance and training programme for the year.

All governors have had their photographs taken and have written a profile about themselves. This information will soon appear on the schools' websites

If anyone would like to contact me, then please do so by using our clerk's email address: fstratford@hps.plymouth.sch.uk , but I would encourage you to come in to school and speak to a member of staff or the Head Teacher first on matters relating to the daily running of the school.

I am planning to write to you each term in order to keep you informed on the work of the governors.

Yours sincerely

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