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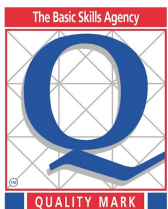
As chair of governors it is my privilege to lead a very talented team of governors at Alford Primary School. The Governing Body is currently made up of thirteen governors including parents, staff and members of the local community.

We take the school's mission statement - *Learn Well, Have Fun, Be Safe* - very seriously; it is at the heart of everything we do.

As governors it is our responsibility to ensure that every child gets the very best education. As well as meeting as a full governing board we serve on smaller committees to ensure that the school runs smoothly and makes the best possible use of resources. We support Mrs. Forster and her staff by visiting the school regularly to look at all aspects of school life.



We are very proud of the school's achievements, not least the excellent progress made by the children. When I attended the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in July I was struck by the sheer range of opportunities the children had enjoyed during their time at Alford Primary School – sport, music, drama and many exciting and valuable school visits. Most impressive was the maturity of the children themselves – they were confident, well-rounded young people who were ready to face new challenges in their secondary schools.



We are pleased that the school is embracing new technology in exciting new ways. Last year saw the introduction of Parent Hub – an excellent online tool to inform parents about many aspects of day-to-day school life. This has proved very popular and the school is planning to expand use of online resources. Engaging with parents is very important to the school and something we value greatly as governors.



In the coming year the governors will be working hard with Mrs Forster and her staff to build upon the school's successes. Special areas of focus for the coming year include:

- Ensuring that every child is given challenge in all subjects
- Supporting children to improve their vocabulary
- Challenging children to become inquisitive, independent learners
- Improving children's maths reasoning skills and problem solving
- Improving sporting opportunities and fitness outcomes for all pupils through use of increased Sports Premium Funding
- Improving attendance for all groups.





As governors we are keen to listen to the views of parents and pupils. If you would like to discuss any matter with us please do not hesitate to contact us through our clerk to the governors, Mrs Catherine Murray.

Andrew Willoughby

Chair of Governors

