



Kingsway Junior School

Governor Correspondence

Mrs Caroline Loison - Chair of Governors, Ms J Beale - Headteacher, Mrs Amanda Akers, Mrs Tina Knowles, Mrs Paula Colling, Mrs Jenny Cannon, Mrs Zoe Brunt, Mr Parvan Tiwari and Miss Deepika Deepak

Tuesday, 22 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Kingsway Junior School. It is a great honour for me to take on this role and I am excited to be part of the ongoing journey to ensure our school continues to provide the best possible education and opportunities for each and every child.

The Governing Body plays a vital role in supporting the school and has three main functions.

Firstly, Governors act as a "critical friend", working closely with the Head Teacher (in Kingsway's case, Ms. Beale), as well as their Leadership team, to provide both support and constructive challenge. We do this to ensure that the school remains focused on its goals and is continually improving, in the best interests of the pupils.

Secondly, we have a strategic role which involves setting the overall strategic direction of the school. We work on the long-term planning to ensure that the school's vision - *Developing confident, enthusiastic and happy learners* - as well as its priorities, align with the needs of the students and the wider school community.

Finally, we have financial oversight of the school, taking responsibility to oversee the school's budget and ensure that resources are managed effectively and efficiently. We always aim to ensure that every pound spent has a positive impact on the learning environment and outcomes for the children.

As Chair of Governors, my role is to ensure that these functions are carried out effectively and I intend to work with my fellow Governors in partnership with staff and school leadership, to ensure that we continue to move forward as a school community.

Whilst I have not been part of the Kingsway community prior to my appointment as Chair of Governors, I have a vast and varied background in education which I hope will benefit the school in numerous ways. I have over 25 years of teaching experience in a variety of establishments including state schools, private schools, nurseries and not-for-profit

organisations, I have worked in multiple subject leadership roles, the most recent being leading RE and History within another Hertfordshire school, and I also have more than 12 years of experience as a Governor at a school in Bushey. I am passionate about education and supporting young people in their development and I hope that my commitment to the Kingsway community and your children will reassure you that my appointment has been a positive step for the school to have made.

Finally, I firmly believe that collaboration between the school, parents and carers is key to a thriving school community. We - the school and I - value your input and are committed to maintaining open lines of communication to ensure that we are working together and in the best interest of all our pupils.

Over the coming months, I look forward to meeting more of you at Kingsway events and any other opportunities we may have for us to connect.

Thank you for your continued support of Kingsway and I look forward to working together with and for you, in order to support our school's growth and success.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads 'Loison' with a stylized flourish underneath.

Caroline Loison
Chair of Governors
Kingsway Junior School