



The Oak Tree  
Federation

## Governor Newsletter July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all well and managing to find ways to keep cool during this very sunny time!

As we come to the end of the school year, we wanted to write to tell you what we've achieved this year, our plans for next year and some changes with governors.

This year we have focused on having a robust monitoring system linking to the federation improvement plan. Our improvement plan highlights the main areas for progress in the academic year for each school. You can read the plan for this year [here](#) and it will be updated over the summer for next school year. Next year we will continue our monitoring with particular focus on the developing curriculum and attendance across both schools. We will also be undertaking a procedural review of governance to ensure we are working as effectively as possible to support the schools.

We will be saying goodbye to our Laughton parent governor, Gemma Collins as she reaches the end of her term this summer. Gemma has been instrumental to the success of the board and we are very grateful for the time and commitment she put into being part of the governing board. Our staff governors Victoria Mandy and Liz Fitzpatrick have also reached the end of their term on the board and we would like to thank them very much for the additional time they have given being part of the board. This year we have welcomed a number of new governors to the board, you can see who all our governors are and find out more about us [here](#).

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support of our schools this year. The board values the views of the children, staff, parents and carers and other stakeholders within the community. If you would like to get in touch, please feel free to contact us using the emails at the bottom of this page.

We wish you all the very best over the summer.

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### HOLIDAY CLUBS

There are activities available for children during the summer holidays as part of East Sussex Council's holiday food and fun clubs.

The clubs are available for all children and are free for children receiving free school meals. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Training and Networking

This year our governors have taken part in:

Training:

- New governor
- Safeguarding
- Vice-Chair
- Safer recruitment
- Health & Safety
- SEND
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Internal audit
- Finance
- Equality & diversity
- Succession planning
- Ofsted
- School improvement

Networking:

- Chairs networking
- East Sussex governors forum