

Letter of introduction from the new Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to introduce myself as the school's new Chair of Governors. My name is William Harding and, while I am new to Nova, I have a wealth of experience both as a school governor and through my work in the education sector in Bristol and beyond. Now retired, I hope to use my skills and knowledge to support Anna Morris and everyone else in the school community as we work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for all children at Nova.

On behalf of the school community I should first like to thank our previous Chair of Governors, Laurie Haynes, for all of his hard work and commitment to the school over the last five years. We wish him well for the future.

Being a chair of governors is a key role in the leadership and management of the school. An effective chair must cover the following key areas:

- Working with the headteacher to promote and maintain high standards of educational achievement.
- Ensuring the governing body sets a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school.
- With the governing body, holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and for the performance management of staff.
- Ensuring oversight of the financial performance of the school and effective use of resources.

As governors, we share a common objective with our wider school community of:

- Working in partnership with you as parents and carers to ensure that every child can succeed and reach their full potential.

To achieve this, and carry out our role as governors effectively, we need to know what issues are important to you (so we remain responsive) and ensure you know what issues Governors are discussing (so that we remain accountable).

Our board of governors work as a team - not a collection of individuals or groups with separate agendas. However much we may differ in our opinions and experiences, we are united by our commitment to the school and the responsibility we share for the success of future generations

You will find more related information on the schools website (www.novaprimaryschool.co.uk). Please remember the school website is a good way of keeping up to date with all aspects of school life. If you have a concern or point of view to share, please let us know. We can be contacted via the school Office or by email: Clerk@novaprimaryschool.co.uk or Chair@novaprimaryschool.co.uk

I look forward to meeting many of you during the coming months. Some of you will, like me, be new to Nova, I hope that this will be the start of a long association with us for you and your children. Whether new or returning, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support for our school.

Yours sincerely

William Harding
Chair of Governors