

# Governor Newsletter

## Spring Term, 2020

Dear Parents/carers and Little Waltham School staff,

As you know, Coronavirus was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation on the 11 March 2020 and has now resulted in the government closing schools for the vast majority of pupils for the foreseeable future. Schools across the country are now coming to terms with the challenges of ensuring continuity of education for all pupils whilst maintaining reduced provision for vulnerable pupils, pupils with EHCPs (Education, Health and Care Plans) and the children of key workers. Governors are currently working with senior leaders at Little Waltham School as best we can to support the school during these challenging circumstances.










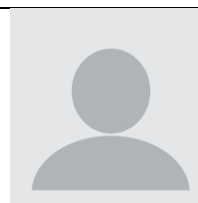

It is, of course, essential that our governing body continues to function, carrying out urgent business and making any necessary decisions. We have had a number of discussions about how we will continue to do this and the logistics of making it work. Governors, including our clerk, have decided to hold our meetings via online video conferencing. Our work will focus on making any business critical decisions, monitoring how the school is continuing to provide care for children who are vulnerable, children with ECHP plans the children of key workers, and any associated risks or issues, such as remote working for staff. We will also be discussing what support is being given to parents/carers to help them educate their children at home whilst also trying to monitor the wellbeing and welfare of pupils, staff and stakeholders.

Governors are also currently in the process of appointing two new governors - Andrew Thorpe-Apps, a solicitor based in Chelmsford, as our new Local Authority governor, and Rachel Wiltshire, a parent of a child in Year 3, as an Associate member. We welcome them to the team.

Finally, we would like to thank all the staff, pupils and parents/carers for your hard work, support, patience and understanding during these difficult times.

Remain safe and well,

The Governing Body

Little Waltham School Governing Body	
	
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