

# Langham Village School Governor Newsletter No2

In our first governor newsletter for Langham Village School we gave you some background information about the function, activities and responsibilities of the governing body of Langham Village School.

Since then, we've had two new additions and have welcomed Suzy Duckworth and Jenny Walker to the board. So just as a reminder, here are the current Governors.

The governing body at Langham Village School is made up of:

[Matthew Coe](#) – Parent Governor and current chair,

[Polly Kossowicz](#) – Headteacher,

[Diana Howes](#) – Staff Governor

[Maggie Broad](#) – Community Governor, Maggie has been a headteacher and also an Ofsted inspector. She is currently advisor to the Norfolk Diocese for their church schools.

[Denise Markham Wroe](#) - Co-opted as a governor in 2016, with a focus on communication and publicity. Denise has two children at the school and is a Director of an Advertising and Communications agency.

[Jennie Walker](#) - Jennie has two children at Langham. Before moving to Norfolk, Jennie was a science teacher at a secondary school in Camberwell, London, and now runs a guesthouse in Cley with her husband James. As a co-opted Governor she brings her experience in education to support the Teaching and Learning committee.

[Suzy Duckworth](#) - Suzy is a co-opted governor and she participates in the Curriculum and Personnel Committee. Suzy completed an English degree and had a career in healthcare management, before studying medicine. She now works as a GP and has an interest in child development and safeguarding, to promote a nurturing learning environment.

After more than 20 years in various roles on the Governing Board we are sorry to say goodbye to Jeremy Bagnall-Oakley who has decided to resign his position on the Board as Vice Chairman and Chair of the Finance Committee.

We were also sorry to say goodbye to Helen Ward - Clerk and former parent at the school, but welcome Kate Arnold as our new Clerk. We're excited to let everyone know that having been such an active Head of Governors playing such an important role in the school, Matt's got the bug - and will remain as Head of Governors but has started his teacher training at Cromer Junior School.

## What have the governing body done recently?

### [Jet Class Refurbishment](#)

We told you in our last newsletter that the school had received £58,000 from the Avada Homes' Langham Hotel planning application and this was intended to benefit the education of children at the school. With the donation of one parent's project management skills and some local suppliers lending their support we hope you'll all agree that we have been able to transform an 'eyesore' into an open, light and insulated classroom for all pupils throughout their time at Langham to enjoy. This still leaves quite a large part of the pot remaining for other projects.

### [Kitchen Refurbishment](#)

At Easter we refurbished the Kitchen very cost effectively. It's made a real difference to the teachers and other staff at the school during their breaks, as well as the serving of food at lunchtime and the food activities we do with the children and we received a 5 star rating from Environmental Health!

### [Safeguarding Training](#)

All our Governors took part in a Safeguarding Training course last term to ensure that we are all up to speed on the practices and processes required to ensure all aspects of school life are safeguarded.

### [Security Review/Enhancements](#)

The Governors are currently looking at costings and solutions to improve the security/access to the school.

## What's happening next?

The Governing Board are really excited about all the new pupils in Coral Class and look forward to these healthy numbers continuing through the school to help build a stronger community. We are very keen to ensure that all stakeholders involved in the success of the school have a voice and work together to ensure the school's ongoing success.

Denise's is organising another Parent's Forum, so we ensure we can hear everyone's thoughts and suggestions about the school. This will be held on Tuesday 7th November at 7pm, to ensure that working parents also have the opportunity to attend. We will circulate an agenda a few days before the meeting, but feel free to chat to Denise if you'd like to ask for something specific to be discussed. Please do come!

And please don't forget to add your views to Parent View by visiting <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>  
It's really important for all parents/carers to give their positive views about the school so we really appreciate you taking a few minutes to do this.

## How can I find out more?

Minutes of the meetings are available online at [www.langhamvillageschool.com](http://www.langhamvillageschool.com) and at the office.

Or please feel free to speak to one of the Governors or contact our Chair, Matthew Coe directly. He can be contacted on [mcoe74rf@nsix.org.uk](mailto:mcoe74rf@nsix.org.uk)

Please see our School chart (next to the reception) which shows the Governors and Staff at the school.

## Become involved

We have all our Parent Governor positions filled, but are in the process of recruiting a replacement Governor with Finance and/or Premises experience. Please email our Chair, Matt on [mcoe74rf@nsix.org.uk](mailto:mcoe74rf@nsix.org.uk) if you know someone who would be interested and suitable for this role.

## Contact us

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