



Mesne Lea Primary School

Working together for individual excellence

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Mesne Lea Community Primary School.

My name is Kate Cowpe and I have the privilege of being the Chair of Governors at Mesne Lea. We have 12 members on our Governing Board and they are:

Head Teacher:	Mrs J Finlay
Staff representative:	Mrs F Zino
Local Authority Representative:	Mr A Stribling
Parent Governors:	Ms L Bevan, Mr C Patel and Mrs N Taylor-Whitehead, Vacancy
Co-opted Governors:	Mrs S Crank, Mrs P Owen, Mrs P Leaver, Mr R Mellor (Vice Chair), Mrs K Cowpe

We also have an **associate member**, Miss G Smith, who shares with us her additional skills - (Children with Special Needs and other educational experience)

The Governors represent the different communities of Mesne Lea – The staff, the Parents/Carers, the Local Authority and the Local Community itself. We come from a variety of backgrounds including Health, Education, Business, Information Technology, Sales and Marketing. We aim to provide a school that delivers the best education and life experiences for the children of Mesne Lea within the finances provided for the school, and for it to be a place of work that the best teachers and support staff want to work.

Governors are responsible for the Strategic direction of a school rather than the day to day operational decisions. We support and challenge school leaders and hold them to account for the quality of teaching, pupils' achievement, behaviour and safety. In doing this we must manage the finances of the school well and more recently this has included the use of Pupil Premium monies to overcome barriers to learning for our more disadvantaged pupils and Sports Premium monies to encourage all pupils to participate more in sport both in school and in their own time.

A Governor has a four-year term of office – parent and staff governors are elected by their peers; the others are appointed either by the Local Authority (1 member) or by the governing body itself. It is a voluntary position, hard work but very rewarding. We meet regularly once a month on a Tuesday 4pm – 6pm but there are other task and finish meetings that are arranged as necessary. Governors volunteer to be part of these groups depending on their availability.

Yours sincerely

Kate Cowpe