**Governor Newsletter**

**October 2018**

Hello and welcome to the first governor newsletter of academic year 2018-19.

Frederick Gent is supported by Two Counties Trust and the following governors:

Sandra Fitton-Wilde – Chair of Governors and Co-opted Governor

Tim Rosindell – Vice Chair of Governors and Parent Governor

Julie Broadbent – Headteacher

Mary Kerry – Co-opted Governor

Richard Smith – Co-opted Governor

Sarah Hickling – Co-opted Governor

Robert Wilmer Co-opted Governor

Ashley Beeden – Parent Governor

We also have three new recruited Governors who have recently taken post:

Sally Bridges – Parent Governor

Craig Sutcliffe – Staff Governor

Charlene Marriott – Staff Governor

Our intention is to prepare a newsletter 3 times a year to keep you informed about the work of the governing body and how it supports the progress and attainment of pupils at Frederick Gent.

Each committee of the governing body meets once a half term splitting the work of the full governing body between 3 sub committees of strategy, standards and well-being, and resources.

In addition, we meet with the Heads of Curriculum Area once a term to discuss teaching and learning, intended outcomes and progress made against their strategic plans.

A small number of students are also required to meet with governors to discuss aspects of behaviour and its impact on learning within the school and how we can work together to improve the experience and outcomes for everyone.

Three times a year the governors undertake learning walks around the school., focusing on one aspect of teaching and learning each time. The outcome of each learning walk is a report that is passed to the leadership team for follow up with the Heads of Curriculum Area.

As Chair of Governors I cannot stress enough the importance of the part parents/guardians and pupils have to play in making the most of the opportunities for success that Frederick Gent offers. This can only be achieved by accessing the support offered and developing positive strategies for independent learning.

We wish you all a successful year and I look forward to meeting you at parents’ evenings where I will be present to meet with any parent who wishes to do so.

**Best wishes**

**Sandra Fitton-Wilde – Chair of Governors**