

## **Chair of Governors Report Nov 2020**

I would like to begin my first report with a thank you to you all for electing me as Chair. I believe there are many amongst us who could have stepped up and excelled in this role, I am flattered you felt I was capable of following in Sandra's footsteps. I thank you for your support of my application, and continued commitment to the governing body.

We recently agreed the 2020-21 Governors action plan which we will be working to implement. Some aspects of this may be challenging with the current situation, but I am certain we will adapt to alternative ways of working to ensure we continue to be a highly effective governing body.

I am very aware that without face to face meetings it can often feel as though the 'team spirit' is a little lost. During my time as a governor I have always found the group to be friendly and welcoming, something I hope we can continue in a 'virtual' manner. I encourage participation in discussions and open questioning. We are here to support and challenge, the best way I see to challenge is to question, to be curious, as Walt Disney once said, 'Ideas come from curiosity'.

### **Activity**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation during the first half term of this academic year, our direct involvement within school has been limited, although I am pleased to note excellent attendance at our virtual meetings.

All mandatory training is currently up to date, thank you to those who have taken on further additional training to increase our skillset as a governing body.

Link governor meetings are gradually re-starting, again with the use of virtual platforms. We will hopefully be seeing feedback from these shortly. Thank you to those who have stepped in to cover vacant link governor positions until we are able to recruit, your support is much appreciated.

### **Conclusion**

I would like to thank all staff at Frederick Gent both teaching, admin, site, and cleaning staff, who have all shown fantastic dedication and have maintained a welcoming and safe environment for all. Also again thank you to all members of the governing body for your unwavering commitment in these difficult times. I look forward to meeting with you all personally again sometime, for now though - see you on zoom!