

Tow Law Millennium Primary School

Governor Newsletter Spring 2024



Our Governing Body



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Chair of Governors



Lisa Jackson
Headteacher



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Vice Chair of Governors



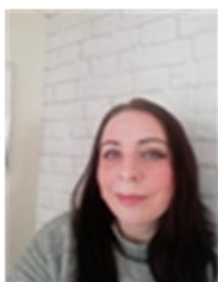
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Parent Governor

Working Together to Safeguard Children (DfE)

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023

A guide to multi-agency working to help, protect and promote the welfare of children

December 2023

The Department for Education (DfE) has published updated "Working Together to Safeguard Children" statutory guidance on multi-agency working to keep children safe in England. The guidance applies to all organisations and agencies with functions relating to children and all education providers and childcare settings.

This 2023 edition replaces Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, which underwent a limited factual update in 2020. The guidance outlines what organisations and agencies must and should do to help, protect and promote the welfare of all children and young people under the age of 18 in England. This briefing outlines the main changes in the 2023 edition, including updates around:

- Multi-agency expectations for all practitioners
- Working with parents and families
- Clarifying the roles and responsibilities of safeguarding partners
- The role of education and childcare providers
- Multi-agency practice standards
- Support for disabled children
- Tackling harm that occurs outside the home

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

Did you know that we have a safeguarding group consisting of pupils, parents, staff and governors? This year we have:-

Lisa Jackson	-	Headteacher
Lisa Croft	-	Chair of Governors
Carol Hurton	-	TA
Tracy Clark	-	Wellbeing Champion Lead
Nicola Mawson	-	Second in Charge
Wendy White	-	Lunchtime Supervisor
Alanna Stoker	-	Headteacher Assistant
Harley Shaw	-	Wellbeing Champion
Freddie Fernandez	-	Green Leader
Maisie Hughes	-	School Councillor
Daisy Ann McKay	-	KS2 Pupil
Connor Smith	-	KS2 Pupil
Kirsty Duffy	-	Parent

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Our Spring Term meeting was held on Thursday 25 January at which we discussed:-

Attendance Policy

Antibullying Policy

Behaviour Policy

As well as having an update from our Children's leadership groups...

These meetings are very important and a good opportunity to reflect on practice and value the voice of the child.



School Attendance

Our current school attendance for this year 23/24 is 91.1%. We aim for this to be at least 96%.

To celebrate good attendance in school, pupils put a marble in the jar every day they attend school. Once the jar is full, the Class receives £10 to spend on a reward. This reward is chosen by the Class in a democratic way. Shaw's of Durham have kindly been donating Amazon gift cards, with a value of £5 each, to give to pupils who achieve 100% attendance in the term.

If you have any concerns over attendance, please contact Lisa Croft, Chair of Governors, or Mrs Jackson.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/09/02/back-to-school-week-everything-you-need-to-know-about-school-attendance/>



Message for Parents...

We are looking forward to Mrs Mahon returning after half term following her maternity leave. At the same time, we send our best wishes to Miss Walker as she reaches the end of her pregnancy and starts her maternity leave after half term. As a result of this, we will be having a reshuffle of teaching assistant staff.

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2023 (6 weeks 1 day)	Friday 21 July 23	Tuesday 5 September 2023
Autumn Half-Term 2023 (1 week 1 day)	Friday 27 October 23	Tuesday 7 November 2023
Christmas 2023 (2 weeks 2 days)	Tuesday 19 December 23	Wednesday 3 January 2024
Spring Half-Term 2024 (1 week)	Friday 16 February 24	Monday 26 February 2024
Easter 2024 (2 weeks 2 days)	Wednesday 27 March 24	Monday 15 April 2024
School Closed Police and Crime Commissioner Election	Wednesday 1 May 24	Friday 3rd May 24
May Day 2024 (1 day)	Friday 3 May 24	Tuesday 7 May 2024
Summer Half-Term 2024 (1 week)	Friday 24 May 24	Monday 3 June 2024
Summer 2024 (6 weeks 2 days)	Friday 19 July 24	Wednesday 4 September 2024

Important note: the following dates have been agreed as INSET Days for school staff and the school will be closed to pupils:

Monday 6 November 2023

Monday 22 July 2024

Thursday 28 March 2023

Tuesday 23 July 2024

NB- Leave of absence in term time will not be granted unless there are circumstances deemed exceptional by the Headteacher. For all absence requests, a Leave of Absence form must be completed prior to the time requested. Please note that holidays during term time will not be granted.

***Please note the added school closure on Thursday 2nd May.**