



# Tylers Green First School

## Governors Newsletter

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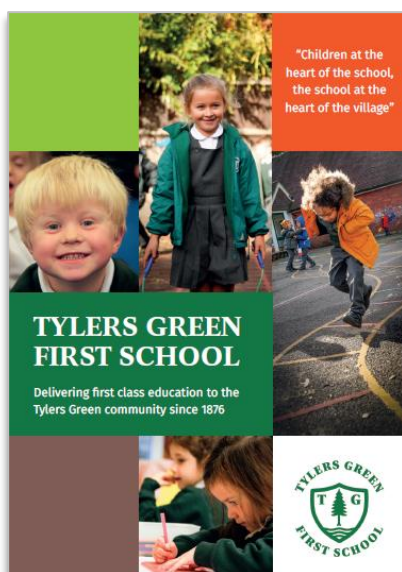
Dear Parents

We hope you are all keeping safe and well and looking forward to the longer days and better weather. After a challenging year, we wanted to update you on the positive developments at the school.

### Home schooling

A huge thank you for all your support and hard work during the many months of home schooling over the past year. We're sure you'll agree that our amazing teaching staff did an excellent job delivering a blended learning experience and being in school for our keyworker children. It has been a very difficult time for everyone and clearly the children have come first. As a governing body we closely monitor the children's progress; so we can report that the latest data indicates that the children are catching back up quickly and doing very well compared to other primary schools. Thank you for all your efforts.

We're sure your children are enjoying being back as much as the teachers are happy to have them. The hard work continues with additional support from a catch-up tutor. We are continually working to make the environment safe and productive for everyone. So do please let us know how we are doing.



### Introducing our NEW prospectus

The governors have organised a new prospectus for new parents to help promote the school within the wider community. Please take a look as it contains many fantastic photos of the children and our school in action. The prospectus is a key tool in showing new parents what we have to offer and can be found on the website [here](#).

## Introducing our new Governors

We would like to thank Mrs N Wells, Miss V Cozens and Mr M Beaumont and Mr S Umamahesworampillai, for their work on the Governing Board and welcome our new Governors:

### **Kathryn Beevers (Parent Governor)**

Kathryn has worked in research and development for nearly 20 years, both in academia and industry. She currently works for the pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline within respiratory medical affairs, where she is responsible for providing medical education to healthcare professionals and reviewing scientific and marketing materials. She lives in Tylers Green with her husband and three children; two sons who attend TGFS and a daughter who has recently started at Little Oaks @ Parish Rooms.



### **Ian Peart (Co-opted Governor)**

Ian and his family have lived in the village for over 20 years. He began his career in finance as a fund manager, based in London and New York. He then worked for, and was a partner at, the largest global investment consultancy firm having responsibility in setting, monitoring and adapting the very successful strategic direction for the organisation. In 2013, seeking a new, more purposeful career, he completed his PGCE and training (spending a very enjoyable 8 weeks with us) then becoming a class teacher at a local Special School. Having recently retired, he now devotes much time as a volunteer for the Buckinghamshire Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIAS) and is a governor at another local school.



### **Kate Hazledine (Parent Governor)**

Kate Hazledine has been working in education for more than 20 years. She has worked in many schools in and around London but is currently working part time in a local school. She comes from High Wycombe and lives locally with her husband and two children. She has a daughter in year 4 at TGMS and a son in reception at TGFS.



### **Mark Patterson (Co-opted Governor)**

Mark is currently Vice President at DHL. With over 23 years' experience in Supply Chain, procurement, project management and business development, he currently has global responsibility for all packaging solutions. Mark sits on the global DHL Development board and has led the development of many public and private contract negotiations across different sectors. Mark is married with 2 boys and lives in Penn.



### **Esther Pilgerstorfer (Associate Member)**

Esther has worked within the television industry for 20 years and is currently the Head of Production within the Creative Team at UKTV. She has previously worked for Disney, MTV and the BBC whilst living in Singapore. Esther grew up in the village and attended both the First School and the Middle School. Esther moved back to the village 10 years ago and has a three-year-old daughter and a one-year-old son who she hopes one day will be lucky enough to attend the school.



## Road Safety and parking

The governors are concerned by the parking around the school at drop off and pick up times as this effects the safety of our children and the residents of the village as a whole. We are working on further safety measures to reduce the parking in this area and will keep you updated on our progress.

PLEASE park in the Village Hall Car Park, the Pub car park or further away from the school and walk. Parking in front of the school is dangerous for children and the general public.

Many in the Governing Body are full time working parents and we fully appreciate the stress, particularly in the morning, of dropping the children at school and starting work on time. We also know what it is like to juggle multiple children of different ages, some needing buggies that need assembling, in order to deliver just one of the children to school. It can be stressful! However, it is not an excuse to risk the life of your own or another child. Please park safely in the many areas available and take just a short, safe walk to the school gates.

## Listening to you

In our previous parent survey, we discovered a clear need for flexible wrap-around care for your children at the school. In September 2020, Little Oaks at Tylers Green was launched, providing early morning and after school care.

You will shortly receive details of the latest parent survey and very much hope you will take the time to complete and return to us. We are committed to continuous improvement and rely on your feedback to help us meet this

## School improvements

The resurfacing work on the playground is now complete and the children have been enjoying playing with their friends within their year group.



Internal redecoration will commence during the Easter holidays and continue during holidays until September, when we will have a fully redecorated school. We have been working to get this completed for some time and can't wait to see our bright, freshly painted school. We hope the children will enjoy their new environment.

## Seeking new PTA members

We are very lucky to have such a hardworking and enthusiastic PTA team who consistently deliver fun and engaging activities for our children, (and our parents!) to help raise vital funds for the school. They are currently seeking new members to support them in planning the next set of activities. Please get in touch with the office if you think you could spare some time to help this fantastic team.

If you are interested in finding out more about the governors or anything in the newsletter, please feel free to contact us via the School Office on 01494 813201 or by email [office@tgfs.org.uk](mailto:office@tgfs.org.uk).

## Caroline (Chair) and Paul (Vice-Chair)

