



The Federation of Cherry Oak School, Victoria School and Specialist Arts College and Victoria College

'Working Together for Success'

Governors Annual Report to Parents and Carers

2017/2018

## Welcome from the Chair of Governors

I would like to welcome you to the Annual Report to Parents and Carers. Firstly I would like to thank you all on behalf of the Governing Body for your continuing support for the Federation.

I am incredibly proud to be a part of this Federation and to work alongside a very dedicated governing body. The staff at our Federation are an incredibly talented group who are dedicated to your children and ensuring that each individual reaches their full potential.

Our websites are:

<http://www.cherryoak.bham.sch.uk>

<http://www.victoria.bham.sch.uk>

<http://www.victoriacollege.bham.org.uk>

## About the Governors

The Governing Body is made up of 17 governors who are unpaid volunteers. The Governing Body is made up of a number of parents, staff, and others from the wider Community. As a Governing Body, we have three main functions:

1. Ensuring there is clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the Federation;
2. Holding the Executive Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the Federation; and
3. Ensuring financial resources are well spent.

Much of our work is completed through committees which have a smaller number of governors than the main Governing Body. We have committees for:

- Finance;
- Teaching and Learning;
- Health, Safety, Buildings and Behaviour; and
- Personnel and Pay.

In addition, the Chair of Governors meets more regularly with the Executive Head Teacher and they are in regular contact by email and telephone. I can confirm that the attendance of our Governors at meetings is excellent.

In addition to the committees that we have, we have named Governors who monitor specific areas. These governors report back to us at Full Governing Body meetings.

The focus of the Governing Body is directed by the Federation priorities for each setting as set out in the individual School Development Plans.

## Your Federation Governors

Co-opted Governors\*

**Christine Dalby-Ali** – Chair of Governors, Chair of Finance  
Committee

**Bill Woodhouse** – Chair of Health, Safety, Buildings and Behaviour Committee

**Anne Barnes** – College Link Governor, Safeguarding Governor

**Sue McCorkindale** – Curriculum Governor, SEN Governor

**Kristin Sanders**

**Peter Douglas-Osborn**

**Charlotte Bull** – Chair of Personnel

**Claire Mills** – Chair of Teaching and Learning

**Sadie Bolton**

**Martin Carpenter**

**Lesley Jackson**

Vacancy

Parent Governors

**Maria Abbott** (resigned June 2018)

**Louise Jervis** (resigned October 2018)

Staff Governors

**Julie Fardell**

**Mark Cottam**

Local Authority Governor

**Onos N. Emmanuel-Kokoh**

The Governing Body currently has 2 parent governor vacancies and 1 vacancy for a co-opted governor so we are looking for new members if you know someone who might be able to offer skills to the Governing Body. Please contact us through Clare Blackshaw, Clerk to Governors at: [p.blackshaw@victoria.bham.sch.uk](mailto:p.blackshaw@victoria.bham.sch.uk)

\*A Co-opted Governor is appointed by the governing body. Co-opted governors are people who in the opinion of the Governing Body have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the Federation.

**2017/2018 Update**

We bid a farewell to both Caroline Lane and Amanda Jenkins in this school year. Both have given so much to their schools and to the Federation and the Governing Body, have been so grateful to them for their hard work and ability to problem solve. We wish them the best in their new endeavours.

Victoria College has now been awarded its independent status as a Post 16 provider. The college remains a vital part of our Federation and we continue to work closely together.

The Governors have spent much of this year ensuring that they know the financial position of the Federation. There has been much talk in the media regarding school budgets being

reduced and this is certainly the position within our Federation. We are expected to provide outstanding education on a budget which is not increasing, even though our costs are increasing. We hope that the Government will soon increase budgets to allow us to have more certainty with our finances.

#### **Priorities Going Forwards – Federation**

- Ensure that the Federation continues to work together to provide the best outcomes;
- Maintain budgetary control.

#### **Priorities Going Forwards – Victoria and Cherry Oak**

- To develop the breadth and depth of the curriculum;
- Ensure we set aspirational targets which allow pupils to achieve their potential;
- Maintain our Outstanding Ofsted grades.