

# Governing Body Bulletin

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## *End of Term Report – Summer 2006*

The Governors are keen to keep parents, staff and students up to date with the decisions we have taken and the issues we plan to consider in the near future. We decided the best way to do this was to publish a termly bulletin about our work.

We hope you will send us your comments as a way of maintaining links with us.

In the **summer term** we agreed:

- the **School Profile**. This is produced for parents and is on the Department for Education and Skills Parents' Centre website. You can access this at <http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk/3114009/overview/>, or you can ask the school for a copy. The School Profile comments on the school's performance, how students are supported and our plans for the future
- the **2006/07 budget** which we use to invest in the development of our facilities
- a revised **child protection policy**
- to advertise for a **second deputy headteacher** in the autumn term, a decision taken as a result of a leadership and management review
- in principle, to form **partnerships** with Abbs Cross, Brittons and The Chafford School – which are the other secondary schools in the Rainham, South Hornchurch and Elm Park Locality Group created by Havering Council.

We started work on the **School Self-Evaluation Form**, which lists the school's strengths and areas for development and is used by inspectors when they visit the school. We also we looked at school attendance and were briefed on new government regulations to improve attendance by restricting term time holidays and introducing fixed penalties.

During the term we welcomed **Jane Phillips** and **Debbie Childs** as new parent governors and **Julie Hewston** as a new staff governor. We also welcomed back **Lorraine Oxley** and **Karen Polston**, who were re-elected as parent governors, and **Hilary Geelan**, who was re-elected as a staff governor. At the end of term we said thank you and goodbye to **David Williams** who left the governing body after 17 years service.

The governors of Sanders Draper and Suttons Primary Schools received training on preparing for school inspections and enjoyed a presentation on the teachers' visit to Cuba, before co-hosting a return visit by Cuban teachers

This term we will be interviewing for a **second deputy headteacher**, **review the GCSE results and set targets** for future exam success and finalise the **School Self-Evaluation Form**

If you would like more information about the work of the governing body, or if you have identified any areas that you would like us to consider, then please email [governors@sandersdraper.org.uk](mailto:governors@sandersdraper.org.uk) or write to me at the care of the school.

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