



## **A message from Holbeton Primary School Governing Board.**

Dear All,

On behalf of your Governing Board I would like to welcome you and your children back to school and a warm welcome to all of the new families who have joined us.

It is a real pleasure to see the children looking so happy and willing to learn after their prolonged absence and I hope that you will all agree the school is looking fantastic after refurbishment over the summer period. It is just a shame that more of you cannot go into school to see it.

We have of course also welcomed all the Holbeton team back under the direction of our new Head of School, Chris Rickard. The Governors are extremely grateful to the team for their hard work during the summer months to ensure the school was ready to be opened in September.

Last week the Governing Board held our first meeting of the term, virtually, and therefore I thought this would be the right time to remind you who are the members of our Governing Board and of our responsibilities.

The governing board are responsible for ensuring that the school vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school is delivered. We are passionate about providing the children of Holbeton Primary School with the very best education, delivered in a wonderful nurturing environment with a focus on outdoor learning. At present there is also focus on the school environment from a health & safety viewpoint and also on the recovery curriculum which is being delivered at school to help the children catch-up in any required areas. Of course our agenda goes further than that.

Each governor has a lead area of responsibility which they report on. I have listed this below and also our school website includes more detail on all of us.

At the end of last year, we welcomed Stuart Armley-Jones to the board as staff governor and we are also in the process of recruiting a new governor, Sally Thomas, who will lead on special educational needs, inclusion and children in care. Sally is a former teacher and has recently moved to the village of Holbeton with her husband.

We are always happy to discuss any matters of interest or concern with you so please just get in contact via the email below or through Kate Nash at the school office who is Clerk to the Governing Board in addition to being the school administrator. I am also often at the school gates picking up my son.

I look forward to seeing some of you in person over the coming weeks.  
With best wishes

Shona Godefroy - Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Holbeton Primary School Governing Board.

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## **The school Governors and their areas of responsibility:**

**Shona Godefroy (parent)– Chair and finance lead**



**Richard Selwyn – Vice chair and premises, health & safety**



**Christine Tarrant – Curriculum, pupil data and well being**



**Simon Martin (parent) – Curriculum, pupil data and sports premium**



**Karen Flower – Personnel and pupil premium**



**Paddy Power (associate governor)– Data protection and freedom of information**



**Diana Baumer – Safeguarding**



**Claire Northmore (parent) – Marketing and public relations**



**Chris Rickard (Head of School) and Stuart Armley-Jones (KS2) Teacher also join us on the board.**