

Dear parents/ carers

Governing Body at Jane Lane School

The local authority is working closely with Paul Drew, Interim head teacher, and the leadership team at Jane Lane to respond to the issues highlighted in the Ofsted inspection and ensure rapid progress to address the actions needed to move the school forwards. To that end we have sought permission from the Department for Education to put in place an Interim Executive Board to support the leadership and governance of the school in the short term until an academy sponsor has been secured for the school.

An Interim Executive Board (IEB) is a group of experienced governors, former head teachers and professionals whose key role it is to challenge progress being made by the school to improve all aspects of the school's performance focused clearly on the needs of pupils. They will act as the Governing Body and will take decisions in the best interests of the school. The members of the IEB are approved by the Department for Education, not the local authority and they will have complete independence to lead the school alongside the school's leadership team.

The people that will make up the IEB are as follows:

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| Tim Gallagher (Chair) | A former experienced head teacher, Tim is currently Chair of Governors at 3 schools including a special school. His expertise includes education, leadership, employment matters and trade union relations. |
| Helen Atkins | An experienced special school head teacher. With extensive experience of improving special school provision in the Black Country Helen is currently a governor at a special school in Wolverhampton. |
| Barry Bond | Currently Chair of Governors at a special school his professional background is in project management and leadership development. He is a qualified Investor in People assessor. |
| Jane Clark | A former head teacher and previous Chair of the Virtual School Management Board. Jane's area of interest are Special Education Needs and looked after children. |
| Helena Kucharczyk | Walsall Council's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Manager, Helena is leading developments around performance reporting and quality assurance across Children's Services in Walsall. |

Robert Trawford

An experienced head teacher with a strong track record of school improvement having been Head at a school rated as one of the most improved in Walsall. He is currently Chair of a primary school in Walsall.

They will be meeting in the school on a regular basis and have begun to develop a clear set of priorities for moving the school forwards. If you want further information about the role of the IEB then please contact Walsall Governance Team on 01922 652886/ govsupport@walsall.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Birch".

Anne Birch

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