

Who are we?

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What do we do?

We are responsible for the strategic management of the school. Together with Mr Tomlinson who is responsible for the school's day to day management, we set the school's vision and policies. We aim to promote high standards of achievement for all pupils, and we manage the school budget.

How do we do that?

We meet as a full Governing Board every term.

We split into 4 sub committees who meet more regularly to look in detail at specific areas.

The sub committees are:

- Resources (premises, budget and our spending)
- Teaching and Learning
- Staffing

We also meet as a Good Governance Group to look at pupil's performance data.

Each subject area is linked to a Governor and we invite subject leaders to talk to us about their subject area.

Meeting minutes and our attendance records are published on the school website.

At the end of each meeting we ask ourselves "what difference have we made to Romiley Primary School?"

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Governors' News 2019

We want to start by saying how proud we are of all our pupils for their achievements this year. As governors we try to get into school as much as possible and it is a privilege to see so many fantastic assemblies and concerts showcasing our childrens' various skills and talents. We are particularly proud of our Year 6's SATs efforts, which are testament to our teaching staff and most importantly all the hard work of the pupils. Well done to all!

One of our aims this year has been to improve communication with parents and our pupils. We try to be part of school life as much as possible and we are involved with Pupil Voice. We were present at parents evening in the foyer—please come and say hi if you see us at the next one! The school website has been updated, so please do take a look. There is a section for each year group which is updated regularly by the teachers with information on what they have been learning and notices. Mr Tomlinson also tweets so check out @RomileyPS for news.

We had a Vision Day at the start of the academic year and attend training sessions to keep up to date and help us fulfil our roles. We've also had training on the new Ofsted framework to help us prepare for our next inspection.

Unfortunately, much of this year has focussed on the school funding crisis. As you will be aware, Stockport Local Authority is one of the most poorly funded Authorities in the country, and Romiley Primary School is one of the lowest funded schools within Stockport. As an example, a similar school in Manchester receives £600 more per year per pupil than Romiley Primary School which is approximately £284,00 more overall. Despite prudent financial management and budgeting this year it has been a real struggle to balance the books. Thankfully we have not yet needed to take any drastic cost-saving measures, but without the government rectifying the inequalities of the current funding system we will face the same financial challenges next year.

As governors we are doing what we can to challenge the unfair funding situation for our school. We wrote to William Wragg, our local MP, who visited the school in March to discuss the funding situation and to meet staff and children. We also had a visit from Damien Hinds the Secretary of State for Education in May, so we are hoping the message is getting back to the decision makers. Thank you to those of you who have written to William Wragg on this issue, can we urge you to continue to help us keep the issue in the spotlight.

Finally we'd like to thank FRPS for all their hard work in raising funds for the school, and all the parents, staff and the Romiley community for helping make their various events so successful. This year FRPS fundraising has purchased playground equipment, new library books and a subscription to online Maths resources, amongst other things, which make a real difference to our children. Please remember you can also support our school by playing the school lottery, and when shopping online through easyfundraising.org.uk and on Amazon Prime.

We can be contacted via the school office, we always welcome the opportunity to meet with parents and carers. We hope the warm weather continues and you all have a wonderful summer!

