



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

‘Working Together for Success’

Annual Report to Parents and Carers

2016/2017

## **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 18 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;
- 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 most 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**

This year the governing body have welcomed a number of new governors and also have said goodbye to three long standing governors. Maggie Moore, Emma Eaton and Russell Webber have

been fantastic active members of the governing body and will be greatly missed. We wish them all the best in their retirement from the Governing Body.

Co-opted Governors\*

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

**Russell Webber** – Vice Chair of Governors, Chair of Finance Committee, Data Governor (now resigned)

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

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

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

**Maggie Moore** (now resigned)

**Kristin Sanders**

**Stephen Underwood**

**Peter Douglas-Osborn**

**Charlotte Bull**

**Claire Mills**

**Sadie Bolton**

**Martin Carpenter**

Parent Governors

**Maria Abbott**

**Louise Jervis**

Staff Governors

**Julie Fardell**

**Mark Cottam** (following resignation of Emma Eaton)

Local Authority Governor

**Vacancy**

The Governing Body currently has 3 vacancies and we are looking for new members if you know someone who might be able to offer skills to the Governing Body. We are particularly looking for people with a finance background. 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.

## **2016/2017 Update**

We appointed our new Executive Head Teacher, Julie Fardell who started in January and has been a great addition to the Federation. We also appointed our new School Business Manager, Pauline McKenna who has made a great start to work.

At a testing time in the country with Ofsted inspections Victoria School was inspected by Ofsted in March and it was confirmed that we remain Outstanding. This is a wonderful achievement for the staff, pupils and parents and carers and something everyone should be very proud of.

## **Priorities Going Forwards**

- To improve the curriculum at all settings
- To increase the integration of ICT at Cherry Oak into the curriculum;
- To increase the accreditation opportunities at Victoria school; and
- To achieve Specialist Post 16 Institute status for the college.