



## Governor working groups

In addition to full governing body meetings, much of the governor business is done in three working groups:

- Performance – chaired by Amanda Hopgood
- Pastoral – chaired by Joanne Thorns
- Community – chaired by Karenza Passmore

## Spotlight on the Community Working Group

### Chair – Karenza Passmore

Karenza is a Parent Governor and works as Director of the North East Religious Learning Resources Centre.

### Remit of this group

More details of our governing board and working groups can be found at:

<http://www.fram.durham.sch.uk/about-us/governance> but, in brief, there are two main areas to the work of this group:

- how the school facilities, events and partnerships support our priority of ensuring that every student gets the best possible education and can flourish in every aspect of their school life.
- ensuring that the school communicates well with our students, parents and the wider community. This means information sharing, celebrating student achievement and ensuring the best opportunities are available for you to engage with us to ensure your child is supported and able to progress.

### The group is working on the following:

- Supporting the school and, in particular, Ms Lutynski, Director of P.E., as we develop our vision for the newly commissioned Sports Hall (due to be completed in July 2017). The current P.E. curriculum and sports clubs will be enhanced by the new facilities and an ambitious plan to introduce an Active School Programme which will give all our students further opportunities to develop their health and well-being.
- Reviewing our recent open evenings for Year 6 parents and for applicants to our VI Form. Feedback indicates there is much to celebrate and provides many ideas for making them even better. If you have an experience about either of these events that you would like to share please do contact me at [enquiries@fram.durham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@fram.durham.sch.uk). It would help if you put CWG Chair in the subject field of any message.

Karenza Passmore, Chair CWG

# Governor Update

December 2016

## Governor Training Financial Understanding

Wendy Pattison, the Academy Business Director, led the governors through the details of academy funding on November 10<sup>th</sup>. All schools and academies are facing financial pressures. A new funding formula for all schools has been postponed by the government. With pension and N.I. contributions increasing, and no additional funding from the DFE, schools have to manage their finances skilfully. Framwellgate is fortunate to have such a capable and knowledgeable Business Director. It is due to her good work that the finances of the academy are in very good shape. Wendy took governors through the following:

- Roles of governors and trustees
- Guarding public funds
- The legal framework
- The Academies Financial Handbook
- Budget setting and monitoring
- Linking the budget to the school improvement plan
- The importance of forward planning and forecasting
- An inside look at the National Funding Formula
- High Needs funding
- Audit and internal assurance
- Managing risk
- Benchmarking and the school's financial efficiency package
- Analysing an outturn

**Merry  
Christmas**

**Merry Christmas to staff, students  
and parents from the governors**