

So, how can I get involved?

Parent Forum

Our Headteacher, Mr Cunningham, organises the Parent Forum so feel free to call reception and leave a message to register your interest. Dates for the meetings are published in our parent calendar which can be found on our website. The Parent Forum is open to current and future parents who would like to take a lead role in supporting improvements at the school but might not be able to make the level of commitment required of a governor.

Lakes School Community Partnership

The trustees of the LSCP organise regular meetings which take place at the school or in the local community. You can register your interest in joining the LSCP by calling reception and leaving your details. Find out about the work of the LSCP by following their Facebook page; a link to which can be found on our website. The LSCP is open to members of the community, current and future parents and anyone who is keen to enhance the experience of Lakes School students.

Governing Body

Our Chair of Governors, Mr B Smith, would welcome contact from anyone who is keen to utilise their skills and abilities to shape the future of The Lakes School at a strategic level. Whether an experienced governor or new to the role, full training is available. Simply register your interest by calling school reception and leaving a message for Mr Smith who will be pleased to talk to you.

TRUST OPENNESS RESPECT

Trust, openness and respect underpin our work with all members of The Lakes School community.

Combined, these principles shape the way we all work together through the Parent Forum, the Lakes School Community Partnership and the Governing Body. It is only in this atmosphere of trust, openness and respect that we can talk about strengths and areas for improvement and truly identify opportunities to improve the school for students, parents and staff.

If you are thinking about getting involved with life at The Lakes School then these principles should also provide you with reassurance that your views and ideas will be valued and welcomed.

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GET INVOLVED WITH LIFE AT THE LAKES



A CARING, LEARNING COMMUNITY

An information leaflet for parents
and members of
The Lakes School community



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED WITH LIFE AT THE LAKES SCHOOL?

We like our students to know that they attend a school where they can 'make things happen' and we want parents and members of The Lakes School community to feel exactly the same. We are fortunate to enjoy excellent relationships with parents and the community and encourage you to contact school reception if you are interested in joining one of the three groups below; read on to find a group that matches your interests.

The Parent Forum

Formed in 2016, The Parent Forum meets three times a year and has been instrumental in supporting school improvement at The Lakes School.

Attended by parents, governors and our headteacher Mr Cunningham, Parent Forum meetings typically take place on a Monday evening between 5.30pm and 7.30pm with refreshments provided.

Meetings provide a great place for parents to share their ideas about how the school can improve its service to parents and students.

Typically, we discuss ideas in small groups and spend time problem solving together. Each meeting leads to actions for governors and the headteacher. Meetings are rooted in honesty, openness and respect where everyone's voice is heard.

Check out the Parent Forum page on our school website to find out what we have achieved over the years.

The Lakes School Community Partnership

Formed in 2019, the LSCP is a charitable trust entirely focussed on connecting The Lakes School with its community.

Parents and members of the community make up the core membership of the trust.

Covering a wide range of skills, Trust members work closely with grant providers and members of the local community to secure funding which is used to enrich the curriculum offer for students at The Lakes School.

The LSCP also organise fundraising events that help to secure match funding - this is essential when applying for grants.

The LSCP work closely with staff at the school to direct any funding towards the purchase of equipment or resources and to the running of school events. This is a great group to join if you enjoy putting ideas in to action!

The Governing Body

The Governing Body is responsible for the strategic leadership and direction of the school.

The full governing body and sub-committees meet approximately 15 times during the year to provide challenge and support to the headteacher and the wider staff.

Members of the governing body are drawn from all sectors of the local community and bring a wide range of skills and abilities to the team. This ensures that meetings focus sharply on the core business of the school: staffing, teaching and learning, finance and resources, and community, communications and marketing.

Members of the governing body regularly access training to support them in their role. Meetings take the form of discussions, group work and generating ideas to keep the school moving forward. We welcome expressions of interest from anyone who can add skills to our team.