

NEWBUILDINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

End of Year Note to Parents



What is a School Board of Governors?

Every school is managed by a Board of Governors that works alongside the school Principal, with a view to providing the best possible education and educational opportunities for all the pupils, in a secure and safe environment.

A Board of Governors is typically made up of members with different skills, knowledge and experience.

The business of the school is progressed by the whole Board of Governors working together in the best interests of the school children.

A governor is appointed in a voluntary capacity for a four year term of office and can resign at any time.

The Board of Governors meets as often as its business requires which may be once a month depending on the size of the school.

What do school governors do?

The role of the Board of Governors is to make sure that the school provides pupils with a good education.

The Board of Governors sets the plans and policies of the school, employs the school staff and manages the spending of the school budget.

Who are Newbuildings Primary School Board of Governors?

Following events in early 2017, the Newbuildings Primary School Board of Governors was reconfigured and now consists of sixteen members –

Chairperson – Paddy Mackey	Vice Chairperson – Rev. Robert Boyd
Secretary - Deirdre Amor	
Governors - Niree McMorris, Alison Wallace, Lisa Bradley, Chris Rankin, Laura Collins, Rachel Duffy, Thelma Moore, Maggi Clifford, Beverley McCormick, Kenny Baldrick, Ethel McClintock, Rev. Nigel Cairns.	

Board of Governors 2017 “End of Year” School Update

As governors we are having monthly meetings.

We have also established Board of Governor sub-committees. These directly focus on areas such as curriculum, finance, staffing and child protection.

The Finance and Curriculum committees have already met and passed on their initial findings to the full Board of Governors.

Class & Teacher Information

At this time we have one staffing change to communicate.

Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to Mr Fleming, our P5 Teacher. We would like to thank Mr Fleming and wish him every happiness in his new permanent job.

Mrs Robb will return to teach the P5 children with additional support from January 2018.

Mrs Amor will continue to act as SENCO.

2018 “The Year Ahead”

With the coming of 2018, one of our key goals is to look at our staffing structures.

We will be holding a meeting, regarding the progress of our School Action Plans, which were set and discussed at previous staff and governor meetings.

Upcoming “Board of Governors Parents Evening”

We will be holding our first Board of Governors Parents Evening in January 2018.

We will communicate the date and time well in advance to give you all plenty of notice. We really do hope to see as many parents and guardians as possible attend this event where we intend to update you on a wide variety of school matters and most importantly share with you some really exciting developments happening within the school.

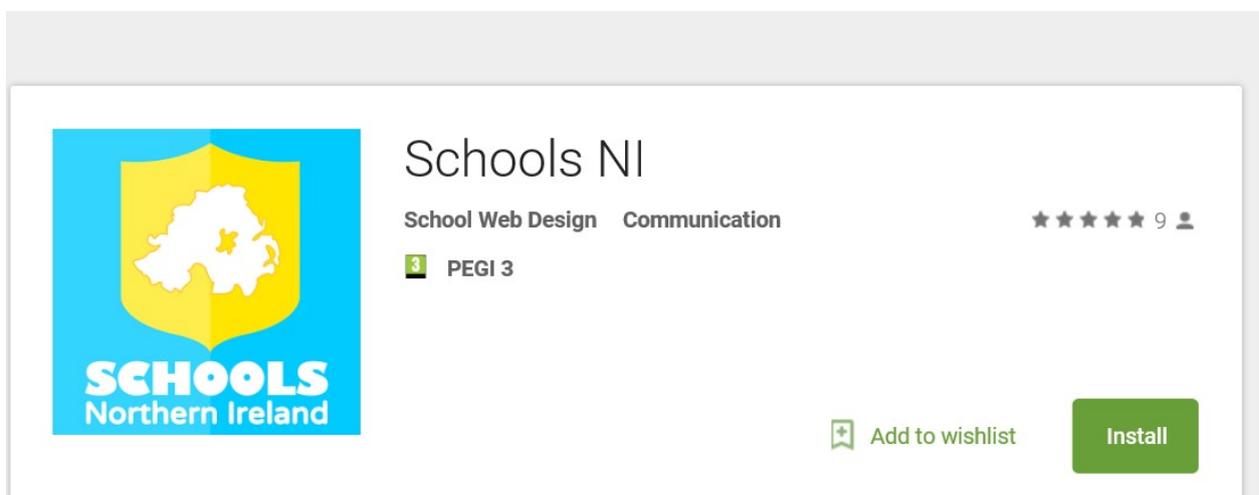
School Website

We really do encourage all parents & guardians to utilise our school website which can be found online at www.newbuildingsps.co.uk. This is a key source of information about School life, news & events. You can also access school newsletters and policies via the “Parents” tab.



Our School App

For those of you with smart phone access, we would encourage you to download our School App. This can be found on the “AppStore” or just google (School NI App).



Select the above “App” icon and click “Install” to download the “App”

Once downloaded select - (Derry/Londonderry) from Area List, followed by (Newbuildings PS).

Then click – the top right hand corner star symbol to add school to your favourites.

Once completed, as & when the School website & “App” is updated, you will receive a notification on your “App”, just like Facebook & other social media sites.

This is a very valuable school resource, used by many N. Ireland Schools.

School (PTA) Parents & Teachers Association

We would very much like to establish a Parents & Teachers Association in 2018.

Having a PTA is a characteristic of a successful school. It demonstrates parental engagement and attitudes to learning which are fundamental to school success.

To fully support this we will be inviting a representative from **PTA NI**, who are part of PTA UK to our next – Parents' Evening.

PTA UK is a charity, established in 1956 and is the UK's leading PTA membership organisation.

PTA UK's main objective is: To advance education by encouraging the fullest cooperation between home and school, education authorities, central government and all other interested parties and bodies.

PTA NI will guide us on official procedures, required to set up a PTA and registering the group with the Charities Commission.

If you have some spare time & would be interested in getting involved in the PTA planning please speak with Mrs Amor at the earliest opportunity.

Finally we would like to wish all parents, guardians,
children & staff a Happy Christmas.

Contact Us

Should you wish to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher or the school Principal, at any time, this can be requested by contacting us – **Telephone - 02871 343896**

Address – Newbuildings Primary School, 83 Victoria Rd, Newbuildings, Londonderry BT47 2RL

Please note No individual Board of Governor member should be approached about matters or concerns you may have about the school, staff or pupils. Any such matters should be submitted to the school directly through the staff or Principal. If there is a complaint there is a copy of the parental complaints policy which can be accessed on the website:

<http://www.newbuildingsps.co.uk/parents/policies/>

