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Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term is always a busy term for parents, staff and governors. Governors have to agree the way that the headteacher and senior leaders plan to set the budget, making best use of the money provided for the school. We agreed that it is important that we have the right staffing structure to meet the needs of our growing numbers of children, and we are delighted with appointments that have been made, some internal promotions and some where the school has recruited to new positions.

A lot of work has been done reviewing and strengthening our policies and procedures relating to Health and Safety, which affect pupils, staff and others who may visit or use our premises.

Governors have received excellent presentations from Pathway Leaders about the curriculum planned for your children, and most of the governors were able to visit classrooms for half a day in school time to see the curriculum in action. We were very grateful to the staff who welcomed us into classrooms. Some governors hope to attend the meetings and events arranged for this term. Several governors were in school during Open Evening, on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and took the opportunity to talk to you and some of the staff about our work and to hear your thoughts and ideas about the school. All governors have an identity badge on an orange lanyard, so if you see us in school, please do stop and say 'hello'.

If you would like to know more about what

we do, or if you have questions about what we do, we would like to hear from you.

Chair of Governors

**PROFILE: Barbara Alcaraz**



I have had the privilege of being a co-opted governor at Red Gates since December 2017; I have been made very welcome as I visit school and enjoyed celebrating the achievements of the children at various events.

I am committed to ensuring children have the surroundings in which they can feel emotionally and physically safe. This aligned with a nurturing, supportive and well-resourced environment means they can thrive and grow to fulfil their individual potential.

At Red Gates I have responsibility as governor for Safeguarding and supporting the training and development of the governing body.

My background has been in education in various forms but my most recent work was as Health and Safety Manager at the Horniman Museum for 12 years.

I want to use my experience to support growth and development to secure an appropriate well-resourced school for all the children who may need the surroundings and experienced staff it's specialised provision can offer.



*Lorraine Slee*  
**Headteacher**  
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