**A BIG HELLO from the Governing body at Foxwood Academy.**

Firstly, welcome to Foxwood Academy. Our aim is to develop the skills of every student and equip them for lifelong learning through a broad and balanced education, underpinned by our four core values: **Educate, Independence, Learning for life and Celebration**.

We are a governing board (Trustee Board) made up of a chair, vice chair, two parent governors, three community governors and three staff governors:

Chair**: Sarah Morgan**

Vice chair and Parent governor: **Sam Marshall**

Parent Governor: **Suzanne Cannell**

Community Governors: **Michelle Coyle, Richard** **Taylor, and Lynsey Cooke**.

Staff governors: **Headteacher James Hutchinson, Deputy Head Lindsey** **Norton, and Phase Lead Nikki Glover.**

Foxwood also has three Members that help hold the Governors (trustees) and the leadership of Foxwood to account. They meet each term and review the progress of the Academy using their experience from education, business and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

The Foxwood Academy members are:

**Craig Chettle MBE**

**Linda Lyn-Cook**

**David Stewart OBE**

All governors are unpaid and give their time freely. We are not operational in terms of day to day running of the academy. We are responsible for:

 **Setting the strategic direction** - Ensuring the clarity of vision, values, and strategic direction. Engaging stakeholders and meeting statutory duties.

**Creating robust accountability** - Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the Academy for its pupils and the performance management of staff. This accountability looks at teaching, achievement, behaviour, and safety. Maintaining strong Academy leadership and contributing to the Academy self-evaluation.

**Overseeing the financial performance of the Academy** - Solvency and effective economic management using Pupil Premium, Covid catch-up, sports funding and other resources to overcome barriers to learning. Governors make sure we receive value for money and money is well spent. Governors have an overview of risk and its impact on the Academy.

You will find our detailed vision and strategic priorities on the Foxwood academy website.

At Foxwood individuality is valued, diversity is celebrated, and a keen sense of self-worth imparted. We want to create positive memories for our students. School is the best years of your life. Foxwood provides opportunities to celebrate the achievements and talents of all our students.

We all want to collaborate to get the best possible outcomes tailored to our students educational and healthcare needs. As we want to work together to achieve this common goal.

Finally, we have a governor page for you to have a look at in your own time with plenty of information about who we are and what we do. You will find us at:

 https://www.foxwood.notts.sch.uk/about-us/governance-1/governors#

Any governor vacancies will also be posted online. If you do want to contact us, please do not hesitate. you will spot us around the academy or at school events or you can email us directly on:

chair@foxwood.notts.sch.uk.

We hope you find your time at Foxwood Academy enjoyable and rewarding.

Kind regards,

The Governing Body