

MARAZION SCHOOL

GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Marazion School Governors' spring newsletter. This newsletter provides you with up to date information about the Full Governing Board (FGB), including how to contact governors and governors' recent actions.

Marazion School Academy Conversion

In December, the Department for Education (DfE) Regional Director approved the academy conversion of Marazion School to join Crofty Education Trust (CET). We have also recently received an Academy Order from the DfE, which enables the school to convert to an academy. Marazion School now works with the DfE, CET and Penwith Education Trust regarding 'onboarding' - the process of becoming an academy.

Marazion School Governing Body

Chair of Governors: Caroline Peers; **Vice Chair of Governors:** Annia McNeill; **LA Governor:** Derek Laity; **Foundation Governors:** Jim Allen; Delyth James; **Co-opted Governors:** Caroline Peers; Canon Nigel Marns; Rosemary Harvey; Annia McNeill; **Parent Governors:** Stuart Firth; Demelza Curnow; **Staff Governors:** Jenny Rainbow; Tanya Tredinnick. The FGB currently has 11 members (including the Headteacher). We are delighted to welcome Demelza Curnow to the Marazion Governing Board. Demelza joins the board as a Parent Governor.

Marazion School Cohort Governors (CG)

We have Cohort Governors for each year group and these governors stay with the year group as they move through the school. **CGs for 2024-25:** Jim Allen, **Year R;** Canon Nigel Marns, **Year 1;** Tanya Tredinnick, **Year 2;** Caroline Peers, **Year 3;** Derek Laity, **Year 4;** Del James, **Year 5;** Annia McNeill, **Year 6.**

Marazion School Governors' Committee Structure

Marazion FGB has the following committees: **The Quality of Education Committee** (Caroline Peers is the Chair). This committee has a focus on standards; curriculum; quality of teaching; personal development as well as learning and work scrutiny; **Finance and First Committee** (Delyth James is the Chair). This committee has a focus on finance and personnel; **Behaviour and Safety Committee** (Tanya Tredinnick is the Chair) and **Pay Committee** (Jim Allen is the Chair). Governors also meet as a Full Governing Body every half term. These meetings are either face to face or online via Zoom. Governor monitoring is also carried out face to face or online via Zoom.

Ways To Get In Touch

If you wish to get in touch with any of our governors, there are several ways to do this: contact Tamsyn in the office and she can get a governor to phone you back and/or arrange a meeting with a governor; email Caroline Peers, our Chair of Governors at chair@marazion.cornwall.sch.uk; our Parent Governors, Stuart Firth and Demelza Curnow can also be contacted via the School Office or speak to them at drop off and pick up times.

Partnership Working

Currently Marazion School is working with: Penwith Education Trust (PET); Crofty Education Trust (CET); Marazion and Ludgvan Oasis Childcare Centres; Cornwall Association of Primary Headteachers (CAPH); Penwith PE Network (PPN); Devon and Cornwall Maths Hub; Kernow English Hub.

What Have Governors Done Recently?

Our Governing Body is committed to and passionate about providing the very best education for pupils at Marazion School. They both support and challenge the school, holding senior leaders to account. Recently the governors have:

- Continued to deal with the effects of the Covid pandemic in school
- Continued to discuss the current funding crisis in schools
- Continued to relentlessly review and manage a deficit budget
- Continued to manage staff absence/child absence
- Continued to work remotely where it is more effective and efficient
- Continued to have the option of Chair and Headteacher Meetings with delegated powers in order to manage some 'business as usual' if required
- Continued to manage the impact of the installation of solar panels
- Installed 2 EV chargers on the school site
- Managed the academy conversion process to join Crofty Education Trust (CET)
- Organising onboarding to CET
- Reviewed school policies and recommended them to Full Governing Board (FGB) for approval
- Set a 2024-2025 school budget
- Attended training: *Safety in School Day; KCSIE 2024; DfE Prevent Update; Risk Profiles; sexual harassment duty; positive noticing;*
- Attended Penwith Education Trust Board Meeting
- Carried out governor monitoring visits remotely and/or face to face

Dates in the Diary: governors' meetings - spring term 2025

Wednesday 15th January: Full Governors' Board Meeting, 5.30pm via Zoom

Wednesday 29th January: Finance and First Meeting, 5.30pm via Zoom

Wednesday 12th March: Quality of Education Committee, 4.15pm face to face

Wednesday 19th March: Full Governors' Meeting, 5.30pm face to face