

Dear Parents/Carers

I became the Chair of Governors at Oughtibridge Primary in a September 2014, a position I'm incredibly proud to hold at such a brilliant school. I am a parent governor with a son at the school with two more children joining over the coming years. My wife Miriam also co-leads the school parent's association 'SOS' (Supporters of Oughtibridge School).

I regularly network with many other governors and local officials across the city. At every meeting I attend, I'm constantly reminded by others of how unique Oughtibridge Primary School is.

The school has made extraordinary progress in recent years to become one of the most recognised and looked-up to primary schools both in our region and further afield.

Our school recently came out on top in the Sheffield school league table, with our children achieving the highest percentage of the combined Level 5 in the KS2 SATs. We are also in 81st place across the whole of the country, out of over 16 000 primary schools for the same measure! Whatever your opinion of league tables, these results are something we're incredibly proud of.

These wonderful achievements are not due to any one single aspect of our school; they are the result of hard work and dedication across the board - from teachers, governors, support staff, parents and of course our children!

As the Chair of Governors, I want to publicly say 'thank you' to the whole school community, for the role you all play in helping this school to be the wonderful place for learning that it is. We are blessed to have such outstanding teaching and support staff but it is the whole community of Oughtibridge Primary that makes this such an excellent school and gives our children such a great start in life. With this in mind, and as the chair of governors I am giving a lot of thought to future of the school, how we can maintain and build on what has been achieved and how we can share what we have learned with other school communities.

I would like to say that I am always keen to hear your comments and feedback about any aspect of our school so please feel free to contact me via the school office.

I hope you and your family enjoy being part of the Oughtibridge Primary community and I am confident that your child will find it a brilliant place for learning.

Kind regards
Dave Cates
Chair of Governors