



Governors' Newsletter

December 2018

School Governors

The Governing Body consists of fourteen governors and an associate governor. There are six categories of governor: Foundation, Co-opted, Staff, Parent, Local Authority and Associate governor.

Foundation Governors

Maria Butchart - Chair
Mary Heffernan - Vice chair
Adrian Wesley
Fr Paul McDermott
Rena Prindiville
Julia Roche
Debbie Bailey
Clare Bowers
Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese of Westminster.

Headteacher

Mrs Smith

Co-opted Governor

Michael Devlin

Local Authority Governor

Doug Munro

Parent Governor

Siobhan Scambler
Natalie Wheeler

Staff Governor

Karen Gallaher

Associate Governor (no voting rights)

Jacque Sheridan

The term of office for all governors is four years and the Governors are all volunteers.

More information about the Governing Body can be found on the school website under Parent Information.

Autumn Term

Welcome to the first Governor Newsletter. We hope that these newsletters will provide parents with information about the role of the Governing Body and regular updates on the work that the governors do. During the year ahead we hope to raise our profile in school by attending as many school events as possible. You should be able to identify us by our governor name badges so please say hello if you see us around school.

New beginnings

This term has been a new start for the Governing Body with the election of Maria Butchart, as Chair of Governors, and the election of Mary Heffernan as Vice Chair. Six new governors have joined the Governing Body to replace those that retired or stepped down last term. They include foundation, parent, staff and co-opted governors and all will bring their own skills and knowledge to their new roles. On behalf of the whole school community we thank them for volunteering to carry out these roles. There is much to learn about the role of governor as well as about the school itself and this requires commitment. For anyone volunteering as a governor the benefit is knowing that you are making a positive contribution to the success of the school and therefore the success of the pupils.

This term governors have attended committee meetings and a Governor Open Morning visit. Both of these have given our new governors an opportunity to meet fellow governors and staff and to have a look around the school. In the final week of term governors met with the Ofsted Inspector. The inspection process remains ongoing until the report is published and we anticipate that this will be sometime in January.

Over the next few months new governors will be attending training courses on Induction for New Governors, Safeguarding Children and Exclusions. All governors will be reviewing their training needs and attending courses as required.

Looking forward to the Spring Term the JFK family of schools will continue to look at ways of working together to take advantage of any opportunities that would be mutually beneficial to all our schools.

And finally....

The Governing Body would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Smith and her staff, and all the pupils, for their hard work this term. I am sure everyone is looking forward to the festive break and the chance to enjoy time with family and friends.

We would also like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support and wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Maria Butchart

Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Governing Body