



Governors' Newsletter

July 2020

School Governors

The Governing Body consists of eleven Governors. There are four categories of governor: Foundation, Staff, Parent, Local Authority.

Foundation Governors

Maria Butchart - Chair
Mary Heffernan - Vice chair
Michael Devlin
Rena Prindiville
Debbie Bailey
Clare Bowers
Fr Brian McMahon

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese of Westminster.

Headteacher

Mrs. Smith

Local Authority Governor

Adrian Wesley

Parent Governor

Siobhan Scambler
Natalie Wheeler

Staff Governor

Karen Gallaher

Associate members

Jacquie Sheridan
Doug Munro

Associate members are not governors but are invited to sit on a committee because they have specific skills. 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.

Summer Term

A lot has changed in school since my last newsletter in December as a result of the coronavirus. In March the school was closed to most of the children with the exception of key worker children and vulnerable children. Those that were not in school were able to work from home using the class blogs set up by their teachers. By the summer term the move to begin to reopen the school had begun. Managing the school in lockdown and the preparations required to reopen safely have taken a lot of planning by the Headteacher and the Senior Leadership Team with the support of all the staff. Many events planned for the term have had to be cancelled including Governor visits. The staff have worked hard to provide a safe environment and a welcoming atmosphere for all the pupils as they began to return to school in their newly formed bubbles.

Work of the Governors

By the time of lockdown, the Governors had completed all the link Governor visits and meetings planned for the Spring Term. This term we have had to adapt and our meetings have been held remotely using Microsoft Teams, for which we all needed to get up to speed with the new technology! Work on policies that will take effect in September continued along with reviewing last year's budget and agreeing the school budget for the year ahead. Much discussion has taken place with regard to the well-being and mental health of pupils and staff as a result of the coronavirus and new policies will be developed with this in mind. We are hopeful that school life will return to a new normal in September.

At the end of this term two of our governors are standing down, our Staff Governor, Karen Gallaher, is leaving to take up a new post and one of our parent governors, Natalie Wheeler, will be joining the staff of St Cuthbert Mayne in September. The Governing Body would like to thank them for their work and wish them all the best in their new roles. There will be an election for a new parent governor in the Autumn Term. The role is open to any parent or carer that has a child at St Cuthbert Mayne. Please check the Wednesday emails for further details.

And finally....

After the intensity of the past few months in dealing with the effect of the pandemic, the Governors hope that all the staff at St Cuthbert Mayne will be able to enjoy a much needed summer break.

On behalf of the Governing Body we wish Year Six a happy transition to their new schools. We would also like to say thank you to parents and carers for your continued support of the school and a big thank you to Mrs Smith and all her staff for their dedication and commitment to their pupils, the school and the wider school community.

We hope everyone is able to enjoy the summer break with their families.

Maria Butchart

Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Governing Body