



Governors' Newsletter

December 2020

School Governors

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

Foundation Governors

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

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese of Westminster.

Headteacher

Mrs. Smith

Local Authority Governor

Adrian Wesley

Parent Governor

Siobhan Scambler
Paul Ambridge

Staff Governor

Maria Wiles

Associate members

Jacque 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.

Autumn Term

September saw the return to school for all children and a new school for the Year 3s. The class and year group bubbles that started in the summer term have continued and are now well established. Drop offs and pick-ups, breaks and lunchtimes have had to be carefully choreographed to ensure social distancing can be maintained for the health and safety of everyone coming on to the school grounds. Whilst the guidance for schools and society is constantly under review, adding to the anxiety of many parents and pupils, the Headteacher and staff have worked hard to ensure that all the pupils have settled back into school life. The opportunities parents and carers would normally have to come into school have had to go online so that meet the teacher, open evenings and parent consultations have been able to take place.

Work of the Governors

This term there have been a few changes to the Governing Body. Three new governors have joined the Governing Body. Maria Wiles was voted in as staff governor, Paul Ambridge was voted in as a parent governor and Sheila Onwudiwe's is awaiting appointment as a foundation governor by the Diocese. All new governors are taking part in Induction training with support from a fellow governor acting as a mentor. At half term a member of our Finance Committee, Rena Prindiville, had to step down for personal reasons. The Governing Body thanked her for her contribution to the running of the Governing Body.

The Catholic Life and Curriculum Committee and the Finance, Pay and Premises Committee along with the Full Governing Body have continued to meet remotely this term. Visits to school by governors cannot take place but Link Governors will still be able to meet remotely with their subject leads.

Covid has also had a bearing on the work of the Governing Body. Committee work has included reviewing the educational provision for children and consideration of the financial implications of Covid on the school. It has been reassuring to know that the children are happy to be back in school and that can be heard in the chatter of children during lunchtime and break time.

And finally....

This has been a long term for everyone and on behalf of the Governing Body I would to thank the Headteacher, teachers, support staff, office and premises staff for the enormous amount of work they have done this term to continue to provide a supportive and safe environment for all the pupils. We would like to thank the parents for their continued support for the school in these challenging times.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Maria Butchart - Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body