



Governors' Newsletter

July 2021

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
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
(resigned 26.05.2021)

Parent Governor

Siobhan Scambler
Paul Ambridge

Staff Governor

Maria Wiles

Associate members

Jacque Sheridan
Doug Munro
(resigned 12.07.2021)

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

Dear Parents and carers

This year has been a challenge for everyone. As pupils returned to school last autumn little did we know we would be back in lockdown by Christmas and children and staff would be working remotely for most of the Spring Term. The benefits of remote learning during the first lockdown meant the school was able to adapt quickly second time round and google classrooms were quickly up and running providing contact for the children and enabling teaching and learning to continue. The children returned to school before Easter excited to see each other after the long time away from friends and school. The staff have worked hard to provide support to pupils in their work and more importantly their well-being. Perhaps inevitably some children have had to self-isolate during the summer term as infections have continued to have an impact, though we have probably fared better than some schools.

Work of the Governors

The governors have continued to work to support the school during the second lockdown and throughout the summer term. All meetings have continued to be held remotely. The Finance Committee has continued to monitor the budget, consider capital expenditure on maintaining the buildings and reviewing policies. The Curriculum committee has continued to review progress, and the support put in place for pupils alongside reviewing policies. Governor visits have not taken place but the link governors have met their subject leaders remotely for an update on the progress of teaching and learning. The Annual Plan of Work for the next academic year is now being put in place ready for September. Governors will continue to meet remotely for the foreseeable future.

This term there have been two resignations from the governing body. Adrian Wesley has stepped down from the role of LA Governor due to personal commitments and Doug Munro has also resigned from the governing body after thirteen years as a governor. Both governors were thanked for their contribution to the running of the governing body.

And finally....

On behalf of the governing body, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support for the school. We have all had to make adjustments to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. It will be slow progress but at least restrictions outdoors have been relaxed just in time to enjoy the glorious weather – though a bit too hot at times!

The governors would like to express their thanks and appreciation for all the hard work of the staff at St Cuthbert Mayne School, in maintaining a safe and happy environment for all the pupils.

I hope everyone is able to enjoy some time over the summer relaxing with family and friends.

Maria Butchart

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body