



Governors' Newsletter

December 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
Sheila Onwudiwe
2 Vacancies

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese of Westminster.

Headteacher

Mrs. Smith

Local Authority Governor

Vacancy

Parent Governor

Siobhan Scambler
Paul Ambridge

Staff Governor

Maria Wiles

Co-opted Governor

Vacancy

Associate members

Jacquie Sheridan

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

The Autumn term continued where the summer term had left off managing Covid 19. Whilst there have been infections the numbers have been low and school life has been able to carry on as normal with measures in place for the safety of all. This has only been possible through the concerted effort of the whole school community – parents, carers, staff, and pupils. Drop off and pick up slots have continued to help manage children arriving and leaving school, home testing and early notification of potential infection has kept the school informed of local cases of covid.

Whilst parents and carers have not been in school during term, we did manage to hold face to face parent consultations before half term and it was lovely to see so many parents, some for the first time, coming into the school.

At the beginning of December, the long awaited RE Inspection took place. Staff have been preparing for this since before Covid and a lot of work has been done by senior leaders to highlight the quality of RE teaching in the classroom as well as on the Catholic Life of the school. The outcome of the inspection was that the standard of Catholic Teaching was judged to be consistently good with some outstanding teaching and the Catholic Life of the school was judged to be outstanding. On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to say well done and thank you to all the staff involved in the inspection and the excellent result they achieved.

Work of the Governors

This term the work of the Governing Body has continued with some meetings taking place remotely and some face to face. Visits to school by governors still cannot take place but Link Governors will be able to meet remotely with their subject leads in the Spring Term.

We had several responses to our advert to recruit new governors which is great. All are now going through the application process, and we hope to welcome all the successful applicants to the Governing Body in the Spring Term.

And finally....

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank the Headteacher, teachers, support staff, office, and premises staff for all their hard work this term. The constantly changing covid situation continues to add extra pressure and anxiety to everyday life but to the outside world school life carries on as normal and that reflects the efforts of the staff, led by the headteacher, to ensure that there is a supportive and safe environment for all the pupils and the staff. We would like to thank the parents for their continued support, home testing pupils and booking pcr tests has become a normality and it also plays a vital part in the safety of everyone in school. We hope you all have an enjoyable family Christmas.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Maria Butchart

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body