St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Junior School

Governors' Newsletter

Summer Term July 2022



School Governors

The Governing Body consists of twelve Governors. Categories of governor include: Foundation, Staff, Parent, Local Authority and Coopted.

Foundation Governors

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

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese of Westminster.

Headteacher

Mrs. Smith

Local Authority Governor Niall Moten

Parent Governors

Siobhan Scambler Paul Ambridge

Staff Governor

Maria Wiles

Co-opted GovernorGareth Jones

Associate members

Jacquie Sheridan Ivonne Reina

The Governing Body can appoint individuals with specific skills to serve on committees. These individuals are known as associate members.

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

Dear Parents and carers

This has been a busy school year, maybe because it has been the first full year back in school since 2018-19. I know everyone has worked hard throughout the school to support and encourage pupils and school life is very much back to normal. The results of all that hard work can be seen in Year six's SATs results – well done to all the pupils and a big thank you to all the staff involved.

Work of the Governors

This year the governors have been involved in the recruitment and appointment of the new headteacher and deputy headteacher, alongside our regular committee meetings. The Finance, Pay and Premises Committee have met to review the school budget for 2022-23 and recommend it to the Full Governing Body. Monitoring reports have been reviewed by the committee to consider any changes and impact on in-year balances and implications for future years.

The Catholic Life and Curriculum Committee has continued to review the Catholic Life of the school to ensure that religious education plays a full part in the everyday experiences of the pupils. Other areas of work have included monitoring progress and attainment, considering the quality of teaching and the curriculum provision offered to the children. Several Link governor visits have taken place during the year, these provide information to the Governing Body on different subject areas.

Governor Recruitment and departures

At the end of term Maria Wiles, our Staff governor, will be stepping down from the Governing Body. We would like to say thank her for her contribution to the running of the Governing Body. Three governors have been recruited this year. Niall Moten and Gareth Jones joined the Governing Body in March and Ivonne Reina will be joining in September. We are very lucky to have parents volunteering for these roles.

Goodbyes

The Governing Body would like to say thank you to Mrs Smith as she retires from teaching. A lot has happened over the past five years including, Ofsted, the long awaited RE Inspection and two years of a pandemic – a challenge like no other. We wish her all the best for the future.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Sheridan, who has been at the school for twenty-eight years, as a teacher and many years as the Deputy Headteacher as well. The governors would like to say thank you to Miss Sheridan for supporting pupils, staff, parents, and governors. We wish her all the best in whichever area of work she decides to go next — enjoy the break!

Welcome

In September a new chapter in the life of St Cuthbert Mayne will begin as we welcome Mr Sallis, the new Headteacher, to the school. He will be supported in the role by the new Deputy Headteacher Mrs Welch, known to many parents from Year 3 and Year 4. We look forward to working with them.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for the many ways you continue to support the school. We hope you all have a lovely summer break with family and friends.

Maria Butchart, Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body.