



Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of St. Peter's Catholic Primary School 2020-2021

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all Governing Bodies, the three core strategic functions of the Governing Body are;

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and values and strategic direction
2. Holding the Headteacher to account for the education performance of the school and its pupils
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

To achieve their objectives, governors must continually evaluate the role they have played within the life of the school and publish relevant information to all interested parties.

This statement and report are part of that evaluation and publishing process.

Vision

St. Peter's Catholic School Mission is that pupils, parents, staff, governors and parish build together a learning community which develops love, concern for each other and forgiveness, by living out the Gospel.

Governance Arrangements

The full governing body meets once each term. There are two committees that meet on a termly basis – Curriculum and Standards and Business Committees. The governing body also has a Pay and Pay Appeals Committee and an Admissions Committee, which both meet annually. Full governing body meetings and all committee meetings are professionally clerked and agendas and approved minutes are kept in the school office. Each committee has terms of reference.

Governors are also linked to areas or aspects of the school. Governors who visit the school provide a written report which is shared with the governing body.

A list of governing body members is available on the school website together with their individual responsibilities. Governors have a wide spread of knowledge and expertise and are part of the committees which utilise their skills.

Attendance at meetings is very good and attendance information is available on the school website (Governor page).

Key Issues addressed by the Governing Body 2020-2021

The governing body has fulfilled, and continues to fulfil, its statutory duties in terms of monitoring all areas of the school's work and offering support and challenge through the agreed agendas of each committee and the agendas of full governing body meetings. The Governor's monitor and review all key areas of the School Improvement Plan to

ensure St.Peter's school is continually focussed on the best outcomes for every child (see Key Areas at end). Some of the areas covered this year:

- Monitoring the use of Pupil Premium/Sports Premium funding (statement available on the school website) indicating that our Pupil Premium/Disadvantaged children/LAC make good progress in line with the other children
- Review of statutory policies and ensuring there is compliance of the school website
- Monitoring the quality of teaching and learning across the school, ensuring standards continue to be high. Monitoring to ensure there is pupil progress across the school and that there is a broad curriculum to engage all children.
- Budget management and assurances of 'best value'
- Ensuring the leadership of the school is secure
- Ensuring the school building is fit for purpose

Assessment of Impact

Governors provide a high level of challenge of the Headteacher and the school. They consider a range of documents and data (Assessing School Performance (ASP), One Page Summary, Headteacher's Report, School Based Data) provided by the school in order to judge the impact of strategies within the school. Governors also visit the school to meet with Leaders and other staff to gain further information. The school's Improvement Partner provides Notes of Visit which are considered at governing body meetings, and any actions are discussed and acted upon, if agreed.

Achievements of children

Our latest results can be seen on our website under the 'Achievement' tab.

Governors monitor finance stringently to ensure the school's budget is spent to achieve the best possible outcomes for children, especially in these difficult financial times. All financial procedures are monitored by EFS and overseen by the Local Authority. Our last Financial Audit was on 15th and 16th May 2019, and concluded that St.Peter's School's framework provided a moderate level of assurance that the resources managed by it were adequately controlled with due regard to obtaining value for money.

Future Plans for the Governing Body

The governing body will continue its work in line with the government agenda.

To ensure all children make the best possible progress (Pupil Premium, LAC and SEND).

To ensure the new leadership team are focussed on driving the school ever forward.

To be vigilant with the school budget in light of current and future budget cuts.

To work with other schools, in a shared capacity to secure the future development of St.Peter's.

Contact Details

The governing body, through Newsletters, school visits and meeting parents during Meet the Teacher week are a visible presence in school.

The governing body welcomes suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents/carers. Please contact the Chair of Governors c/o the school office.

Key Areas from the School Improvement Plan

1. To foster knowledge and understanding of the Gospel values and growing in God's love
2. To develop the Leadership, Management and Middle leadership team
3. To raise the quality of education through teaching, learning and assessment providing more opportunities to broaden the children's experiences
4. To support all pupils to further develop their own personal skills, behaviour and attitudes towards learning.