

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School 2020-2021



Annual Governance Statement for the Local Governing Body of St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School July 2021

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School Local Governing Body are:

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

Governance arrangements

The Governing Body of St Francis of Assisi Primary School was re-constituted in April 2016 when we joined the St John the Baptist Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. It is now known as the Local Governing Body. It is presently made up of:

Governors - 2020-2021	Governor Start Date	Term of office End Date
John Jackson	01/01/2020	31/12/2023
Edwina Knowles	01/12/2019	30/11/2023
Francesca Goodbody	01/11/2019	31/10/2023
Susan Wilkinson	01/12/2018	30/11/2022
Sandra Watt	06/11/2017	05/11/2021
Andrew Parle	16/03/2018	15/03/2022
William Croston	08/04/2015	31/03/2024
Padraig Hawkins	01/09/2015	31/08/2023
Felicity Hope	n/a	none
Daniel Sharpe	01/10/2018	30/09/2022
Christine Webber	01/01/2020	11/11/2020

This year we have moved away from committee meetings and have increased the number of LGB meetings to save repetition.

Details of all attendance can be found on the school website.

This year we have held most of our meetings virtually due to the pandemic – although most recently we have been able to conduct our SEN and safeguarding visits in person. We are all very much looking forward to getting back to masses, art exhibitions, and parental engagement meetings. As a LGB we have been

very impressed by the dedication and resilience shown by all staff in their support of our school community throughout the pandemic.

We have continued to provide support to our staff in evaluating the quality of learning taking place in lessons and the impact of the teaching on this.

We have spent time reviewing and discussing the key data which give the results of pupil achievement and progress; so that we can be sure that the school is on track to fulfil its ambitious targets for all pupils.

We have looked at how the Pupil Premium Grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has on outcomes with a detailed report indicating the affect on the children is regularly provided to the Pupil premium governor. An Annual Report outlining how we spend our Pupil Premium allocation is available on the school website as is our Sports Premium report.

We have also looked at our “vulnerable groups” of children, SEN provision and Safeguarding. We have a Nominated Governor for Safeguarding who reports to the governors about any safeguarding matters as well as maintaining an up-to-date Safeguarding Policy (which can be found on the school website).

We have looked at the maintenance and development of the school premises, school resources, health and safety, finance and makes decisions about how the school uses its budget. The committee is responsible for pay, appeals and the Headteacher performance review.

We have reviewed and agreed various policies and these are all are available on the school website.

St Francis Governors also work with all schools within the Catholic Multi Academy Trust to ensure a high quality of education provision. We share resources and expertise, for example and we work together to focus on ensuring a smooth transition for children going from all the Catholic Primaries to Notre Dame High School and our Chair meets Termly with Chairs from other schools in our MAT.

Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents - please ask at the school office if you would like to see any of the minutes of our meetings.

Future plans for the governors	Governors will focus on the continued pursuit of excellence to successfully create a culture of high expectations and aspirations despite the backdrop of the pandemic. We are also looking at succession planning.
How you can contact the governing body	We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, via the school office or Chair@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk . You can find more information about the Local Governing Body on the Governor’s page of the school website.