

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School 2019-2020



Annual Governance Statement for the Local Governing Body of St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School - September 2020

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.

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:

Governor	Term start	Term ends
John Jackson	01/01/2020	31/12/2023
Christine Webber	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
Kim Payne	n/a	none
Daniel Sharpe	01/10/2018	30/09/2022

Governance arrangements

Attendance record of governors	Details of all attendance can be found on the school website.
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<p>The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body (20-21)</p>	<p>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. The governors are impressed by the new curriculum that our teachers are developing which we believe will continue to inspire and excited our children and felt our Ofsted judgements reflecting the need to continue the curriculums development was fair.</p> <p>The Teaching , Learning and Standards Committee</p> <p>This committee has 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.</p> <p>The Committee looks 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.</p> <p>This committee also focuses on our “vulnerable groups” of children, SEN provision and Safeguarding. The school SENCO is an Associate Member of this Committee and regularly reports on SEN provision in the school. 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). This Committee also includes Nominated Governors with specific responsibilities for Pupil Premium, SEN and Looked-After Children.</p> <p>The Resources Committee looks 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.</p>
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<p>Visits</p>	<p>Governors are in school regularly and enjoy spending time with the staff and pupils. In the latter half of this year – much of this work had to be conducted virtually.</p> <p>This year we have held one ‘Learning Walk’ in February to look at “feedback”. We have met with Lead teachers for RE, Pupil Premium, Safeguarding and Sports premium. We have attended Masses, art exhibitions, and parental engagement meetings.</p> <p>We have reviewed and agreed various policies including Admissions, Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Data Protection, Fire, SEN and RSE. Statutory Policies are available on the school website.</p> <p>St Francis Governors also work with all schools within the Catholic Multi Academy Trust to ensure a high quality of education provision. We share</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Future plans for the governors	<p>Governors will focus on the continued pursuit of excellence to successfully create a culture of high expectations and aspirations, diminishing the gap for disadvantaged pupils in writing and maths. We will continue to support the leadership team to move the school forward academically, pastorally and spiritually, maintaining the school's vision and ethos, whilst building links with our sister schools in the Catholic Multi Academy Trust. We are also looking at succession planning and changing the format of our meetings.</p>
How you can contact the governing body	<p>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.</p>

