

## **St.Vincent's Catholic Primary School**

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### **Letter from Chair of Governors**

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a very busy, successful school year I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our wonderful school. I have had the privilege of attending many assemblies, plays and school events this year and I want to say that your children are a credit to you and their school.

This academic year has seen many successes and we have much to celebrate and be proud of. We were delighted to receive a grading of 'good' in all areas from the Christian Education team earlier this year. Well done everyone!

Governors have been busy too and below is an overview of our work this year. Our full monitoring schedule is published on the school website.

We are very pleased to welcome Sr Margaret Mattison as a new Foundation Governor. Many of you will know Sr Margaret from St Joseph's Church and Sacramental Preparation in the parish. She brings a wealth of experience to our governing body and we look forward to working with her in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Vernon and all the staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the children of St Vincent's. All your hard work is much appreciated.

On behalf of the governors I wish you all a wonderful summer!

**Win Douglas – Chair of Governors**

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### **Upcoming Events**

**19<sup>th</sup> July 2019** – Break up for summer.

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2019** – Full Governing Body Meeting.

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### **Congratulations!**

To Mr Paul Daly for winning the Warrington Guardian 'Teacher of the Year' Award. We are very proud of you. Well done!

### **Good-bye and Good luck!**

To all our Y6 pupils. We are so proud of all your achievements and wish you every success at High School. Good-bye and Good luck!

### **Thank you and Goodbye!**

To Mrs Latham who retires at the end of term after 15 years as a teaching assistant here at St Vincent's. We are sorry to see you go and wish you every happiness for the future.

Goodbye and thank you also to Mrs Tarbuck who leaves at the end of this term, and Mrs Hough, who leaves us for a teaching post.

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## Governing Body Membership

### Foundation Governors:

Win Douglas (Chair), Michelle Harrison (Vice Chair)

Paul Atherton, Peter Johnson, Helen Chaplin, Debra Pennington

Sr Margaret Mattison

### Parent Governors:

Kate Simpson, Steph Cooper

### Local Authority Governor:

Peter Bacon

### Staff Governor:

Kathryn Long

### Headteacher:

Dominic Vernon

## What have Governors done between Jan –July '19?

- Monitored standards in reading throughout the school. This included the use of resources and the reading environment.
- Contributed to the review of the school Mission Statement as part of one of our core functions in setting vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Monitored provision for SEN and Pupil Premium pupils to ensure resources are well used.
- Invigilating KS1 and KS2 SATs ensuring tests were carried out in accordance with regulations and that papers were stored correctly.
- Monitoring provision in Early Years.
- Headteacher midway performance management review
- Monitored procedures for safeguarding and two governors attended Safer Recruitment training.
- Set the school budget and monitored financial performance.
- Approved re-decoration project to improve environment

**Happy Holidays !**

## Committees

The full governing body meets once a term. We have three committees who meet at least once a term. All governors serve on committees as well as taking on other key responsibilities.

1. **Resources Committee** (staffing, finance and buildings)
2. **Pupil support and Ethos Committee** (curriculum, admissions, pupil wellbeing)
3. **Standards Committee** (monitoring progress, achievement and attainment)

The committees work to enable the governing body to fulfil its three core functions of :

- Setting vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.