

St.Vincent's Catholic Primary School

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Letter from Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a very busy term, starting in September with an **OFSTED** inspection! The hard work of the last two years paid off and we were delighted with the outcome of '**Good**' in all areas. The school community has been on an incredible journey together and this outcome was well deserved and a reflection of the hard work, dedication and commitment from staff, governors, parents and children. Well done everyone!

I am both honoured and delighted to be re-elected as Chair of Governors at St Vincent's. It is a privilege to lead a highly committed and skilled governing body and to support the good work being done by our headteacher, Mr Vernon and all the staff. Together, with the contributions of all governors, we will continue to give the children of St Vincent's the most meaningful and positive educational start in life.

I look forward to working with our newly elected Vice-Chair, Helen Chaplin, who is a Foundation governor and has been on the governing body for the last 4 years. I would also like to extend my thanks on behalf of the governors, to the outgoing vice-chair, Michelle Harrison, who has been a governor at St Vincent's since 2012 and in that time has held numerous positions including that of Chair and Vice Chair. Michelle is passionate about her work as a governor and I am delighted she will continue as a Foundation governor on the governing body.

In September our local authority governor Mr Peter Bacon, resigned in order to stand as a parent governor at St Joseph's. Mrs Angela Burns is our newly appointed local authority governor. As a secondary school teacher, she brings a wealth of experience to the governing body.

Thank you all for your continued support. I look forward to working with you in 2020. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Win Douglas – Chair of Governors



Dates of next full governor meetings

2nd April 2020

9th July 2020

Congratulations!

To Mr Vernon for winning the Warrington Guardian 'Inspirational teacher of the year award.' Very well deserved. Many congratulations and well done!

Governors wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas with your families.



Every good wish for 2020!

Governing Body Membership

Foundation Governors:

Win Douglas (Chair), Helen Chaplin (Vice Chair)
Paul Atherton, Peter Johnson, Michelle Harrison, Debra Pennington
Sr Margaret Mattison

Parent Governors:

Kate Simpson, Steph Cooper

Local Authority Governor:

Angela Burns

Staff Governor:

Kathryn Long

Headteacher:

Dominic Vernon

Governor Priorities 2019 - 2020

1. Ensure that the strategic direction and Catholic Ethos of the school is clear and at the centre of all discussions.
2. Drive up educational standards and financial performance.
3. Ensure the governing body has the right skills, experience, qualities and capacity.
4. Ensure committees drive improvements and reinforce the clearly defined roles and responsibilities.
5. Comply with statutory and contractual responsibilities.
6. Monitor and improve the quality and impact of governance.

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** (attendance, admissions, pupil wellbeing, safeguarding)
3. **Quality of Education Committee** (curriculum, 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.