

Wednesday 18th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Governor Roles & Update

Each school has a Governing Body. The Governing Body plays a key role in helping oversee the strategic direction of the school and works in partnership with the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team. The main aim of a Governing Body is to ensure the delivery of a high standard of education for all pupils in its care.

The St Laurence's Governing Body is made up of Foundation (Church) Governors, Parent Governors, Community Governors and Staff Governors plus the Vicar of St Laurence's Church. We meet six times a year as a Local Governing Body; our joint aim is to make sure the school supplies the best education and learning experience possible so that our children can achieve their full potential, both academically and personally. We serve on the Governing Body for a 4-year term after which we are eligible for re-election.

Our Chair of Governors for 2020/2021 is Mr Nigel Chilvers and our Vice Chair of Governors is Mrs Jayne Scott.

We welcome new members to the St Laurence's LGB, Community Governor Mr Antony Dewis, Associate Community Governor Mrs Sarah Coakley, two new Foundation Governors Mpahtos Kelvin Gwambe, Rebecca Henney and finally two new Parent Governors Mrs Mehwish Ramzan and Mrs Vicki Gower.

On behalf of the Governing board and Staff at St Laurence's, we would like to thank the following Governors who resigned from their posts, Ms Charlie Diston Vice Chair, Mrs Sandip Gheent Parent Governor, Ms Laura Edmunds Foundation Governor, Extended thanks to Mrs Rea Verdon who naturally came to the end her term after serving two consecutive terms as Foundation Governor.

Governor Monitoring

Governors will regularly visit school to help them to check progress against targets set. Two governors oversee performance management, and there is a designated governor for SEN (Special Educational Needs) provision, Safeguarding and Health and Safety,

Due to the current situation with Covid-19 arranging visits to the school have been reduced to protect the safety of all staff and children Meetings have been virtual with regular updates from Mrs Cuskelly on school performance and data.

Governor Interests

Declaration of governor's interests, and further information on the MAT (Multi Academy Trust) governance structure can be found on the school website or you can email chair@stlaurences.covmat.org

The governing board would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff on how they have embraced this new term, welcoming back the children and new routines, the consistent challenging work that goes into ensuring every day the children feel safe coming to school. Finally thank you to parents and carers for also embracing the guidelines the school have put in place to ensure everyone at St. Laurence's is safe whilst dropping off and collecting children.