



## **Governor Newsletter – Autumn Term 2020**

### **A safe start to the school year**

The local governing body would like to extend its warmest thanks to the heads of school, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Harvey, and also to Mrs Clark, and all teachers, teaching assistants and support staff for all their hard work in making sure the children have had a safe and productive start to the new school year.

With the support of the Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, leaders in the school have worked hard to put in place measures to help children stay safe in school. At a recent meeting of the school's local governing body, governors learned of the important work which has gone into curriculum planning too, which will make sure children make the best possible progress now that they are back in school.

Governors also discussed remote learning and strongly support school leaders in their preparation to make sure that children's remote learning, should it be necessary, includes the opportunity for children to receive feedback from class teachers so that children understand the progress they are making, even if they are not able to be in school.

Many thanks to all families in our community for making sure children are in school to enjoy their learning and for all the support in dropping off and collecting children safely in line with the new arrangements.

School governors are working remotely at present, with regular online meetings to discuss teaching and learning and to monitor the financial situation of the school. They kept in touch with the school in the summer term through remote contact.

## **The school's local governing body**

Many thanks to Mrs Phyllis Maynard for many long years of valuable service on the local governing body as a teacher governor! Mrs Maynard's term of office has come to an end and we will miss her helpful input.

### **Would you like to join us?**

We are committed to making the local governing body a group which reflects the diversity of our school community and are always interested to hear from parents who want to know more about joining the governing body. Being a governor requires commitment but is immensely rewarding and interesting.

What do we ask of governors?

- To give up some of their spare time
- To take an interest in the school
- Attend 2 Local Governing Body meetings per term. These are currently online.
- Take on some training provided as appropriate to the role
- A commitment to supporting the school to foster its Catholic Ethos and support children in their learning

If you would like any more information about being a school governor please email [chair@stlaurence.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@stlaurence.cambs.sch.uk).

As part of our school's commitment to safeguarding our children, we expect all governors (and other regular volunteers) to undertake a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check.