



GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

St James the Great R.C. Primary and Nursery School
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Dear Parents / Carers

Introduction:

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and a warm welcome to all including the new parents and children starting at St James the Great School. We would like to introduce to you our termly *Governors' newsletter*, which we hope you will find useful. We will inform you on how the *Governing Body* operates in order to ensure your child receives an all-round education in promoting their academic, spiritual and physical growth.

The Full *Governing Body* meets every term. The *Governors* also attend other sub-committee's meetings dealing with curriculum, resources and admissions. Mr Chris Andrew, the Headteacher, attends all these meetings and provides briefings for discussions accordingly. The *Governors* take an active part in the well-being of the school and this is done on a voluntary basis.

A few years ago, the school converted to Academy status, although still affiliated to the Roman Catholic Southwark Diocese. Locally, we have formed an Umbrella Trust with seven other Roman Catholic primary schools to exchange ideas and share good practice for the overall improvement of all our schools.

What the Governors do:

The *Governing Body*, which includes the Headteacher, oversee the welfare of the school. It appoints senior staff to form the school Leadership and Management team and monitors their work to deliver the best education for your child.

The *Governing Body* examines the finances of the school and approves budgets ensuring the best value for money.

Governors regularly review the School Development Plan and make sure that it is adhered to by the Headteacher.

When the school is inspected by external Education Authorities, the *Governors* are informed of the outcome and actions to be taken, if any. Our school currently has 'Outstanding' status as recognised by Ofsted and we are constantly striving to maintain these standards.

The Governors have 3 major sub-committees:

- 1) **Admissions:** Approves school places in compliance with the Admissions Policy
- 2) **Curriculum:** Formalises the school's curriculum and revises the syllabus from time to time
- 3) **Resources:** Approves budgets, premises, health and safety and staffing levels

In addition to the above duties, the Governors conduct various other tasks:

- i) Review the School's policies and update them in keeping with National Regulations. These can be found on the school's website. www.stjamesthegreat.org
- ii) Disciplinary Hearings
- iii) Grievances
- iv) Daytime school visits to engage with staff, observe class lessons and report to the Governing Body.

Thinking of becoming a Governor?

From time to time we have vacancies for Governors. If you are interested, please write to the Headteacher, so that we can approach you when an opportunity arises.

Acknowledgements:

Governors would like to thank the Headteacher and all the teaching and supporting staff at the school. They work tirelessly and their professionalism and dedication is greatly appreciated. Also, we would like to thank our Friends Association for their continued financial support with their fund-raising events. If any parents are interested in joining/helping them, please contact them through the School Office.

A Note from the Chair of Governors:

On behalf of the Governing Body, I am delighted to welcome your child to St James the Great R.C. Primary and Nursery School. We will do our very best to provide a good education for your child in a safe and happy environment. The school has good facilities and an excellent library, so please encourage your child to avail of these, together with the many educational visits and extra-curricular activities on offer.

Regards and Best Wishes

Edwin Abreo