



St Wilfrid's Governing Body news Spring 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Spring term newsletter.

Well, the year got off to an interesting start with the news of Mr North's appointment to a new headship and the implications that would have on school for the rest of the academic year.

Last term I reminded you of the new school vision and values, and we have continued to build these values into everyday school life, as well as the extra-curricular such as governor meetings, governor visits into school and the process for appointing a new headteacher.

Living out the school values in day-to-day life shouldn't be something that just the children and staff are committed to, but something that you, as parents and carers can commit to as well.

Our commitment to them can be seen in the way we:

- enable our children to be at school as much as is physically possible as absence does affect them in more ways than simply their education.
- park on the roads around school.
- communicate with the school staff and other parents, both verbally, in written communication and more generally on social media.

As a governing body we aim to make decisions prayerfully and considerately, wanting the best outcomes for our staff, pupils, and the community, both now and in the years to come.

This term this can specifically be seen as we have....

- held link visits to the schools for monitoring purposes – these have been in
 - safeguarding and child protection
 - foundation
 - wellbeing
- Introduced a new "Separated parent" policy and 'risk assessment' policy.
- Made the difficult decision to begin fining parents for unauthorised absence from school, starting from September, in line with government guidelines. Further information on these guidelines will be issued next term.
- Appointed Miss Lauren Cousin as headteacher for the new academic year and invited Mrs Sisson to act as headteacher for the summer term.
- Completed the process of incorporating S-Club into the school body, this includes a subcommittee of governors overseeing S-Club decisions, new contracts for staff and new policies in line with school policies.
- Given thanks to Laura Griffiths for her time as governor over the past 10 years and Denise Wright for her service to school over the past 30 years.

Next term we hope to...

Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness

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- Support Mrs Sisson and staff through this intermediate time.
- Run a staff governor and parent governor election process as there will be a space for 1 parent governor and 1 staff governor coming up in the Autumn term.
- Enable Miss Cousin to discover as much about the school as she can before actually starting in September.
- Enjoy celebrating with year 6 their time at St Wilfrid's

Please find out more about us below and if you would like to be in touch with a question or observation, please use the email address below.

Rev Sam Hustwayte	Chair	Ex-Officio Foundation Governor
Mr Mike Harris	Vice Chair	Local Authority Governor
Mr Mark North	Head Teacher	Ex-Officio Staff Governor
Mrs Sarah Vanner	Safeguarding	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Helen Whitehead		Co-opted Governor
Mrs Laura Griffiths		Co-opted Governor
Mrs Leila Mills		Co-opted Governor
Mrs Lindsay Ainley		Parent Governor
Mr Craig Harrison		Parent Governor
Miss Gemma Berry		Foundation Governor
Mr Mike Hulme		Foundation Governor
Miss Julie Morton		Staff Governor

All school governors are volunteers. They are responsible for making the school's key strategic decisions. The governing body plays a vital role in ensuring school accountability.

The governing body has a strong focus on 3 core strategic functions:

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

The governing body meets once per term and conducts much of its business through the Personnel Pupils & Strategic Development (PP&SD) and Finance, Health, Safety and Estates (FHS&E) sub-committees.

Each of the governors have specific roles within the body. This enables the governing body to carry out its functions across the whole school

We do hope you have a Happy Easter.

May God bless you and keep you,

On behalf of the Governing Body



Rev Sam Hustwayte