



## St Wilfrid's Governing Body news Autumn 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the first of our new termly newsletters when we hope to share with you discussions and decisions that we have, as a governing body been involved in. As this is an initial newsletter, we thought we would share a bit about who we are and what the role of the governing body is.

The past year has been one of great change within the life of the school, with both governors and staff retiring and moving on from their roles. We are very grateful for all their commitment to the school over the years and as we move forward into a new period of leadership, we are committed to not only continuing with the great things that have been established, but also improving in many areas, so that together we can be even better.

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....

- Supported the newly appointed head, Mr North and the teaching staff as they begin the new academic year, particularly through the death of Zach Bailey and COVID difficulties
- Assisted Mr North in appointing a Deputy Headteacher
- Discussed the ongoing development of the staffing structure
- Updated many of the school's policies including the safeguarding policy
- Agreed to have upgraded CCTV installed around the school
- Worked with the staff to create a code of conduct for parents, in line with the code already in place for staff and governors
- Took part in a discussion around the school vision and ethos with a view to reshaping
- Audited the health and safety of the site
- Supported the 'meet the head' sessions, parent engagement session and subsequent survey

Next term we hope to...

- Welcome Mrs Sisson to the staff team
- Launch the reshaped school vision and values
- Continue to support Mr North in his action plan for this academic year
- Return to holding link visits to the schools for monitoring purposes

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.

Developing Christian values and attitudes of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, gentleness, self control

Contact: Rev Sam Hustwayte (Chair of Governors): [governors@st-wilfrids.notts.sch.uk](mailto:governors@st-wilfrids.notts.sch.uk)

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 April Wood		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
Vacancy		Foundation Governor
Miss Julie Morton		Staff Governor

A governor term is for 4 years, and they are elected from a number of different groups:

**Parent** – a parent of a child in the school may stand for election when another parent governors term comes to an end

**Staff** – a staff member of the school may stand for election when the staff governors term comes to an end

**Co-opted** – these are governors who have been asked to be on the governing body specifically for a skill they hold that will aid the governance of the school

**Foundation** – a member of the church who has been chosen by PCC and appointed by the Diocese

**Local Authority** – a person chosen by the LA to represent them on the governing body

The chair is elected for a period of 2 years.

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:

- a. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- b. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- c. 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

If not already completed, please complete the parent questionnaire accessed through the link below:  
[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yGAIF\\_zAE0GbGGRwaCboE2Mf\\_qz2nE5AIHJHwSWNFVVUNkw2SUFIODZLUU1QSENGWIMxQVNITVBFVi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yGAIF_zAE0GbGGRwaCboE2Mf_qz2nE5AIHJHwSWNFVVUNkw2SUFIODZLUU1QSENGWIMxQVNITVBFVi4u)

May God bless you and keep you,

On behalf of the Governing Body



Rev Sam Hustwayte