



St Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School

Annual Review of Governance 2020-21

I am pleased to write to our school community with this review of governance for the last school year.

It was another extraordinary year, with a significant period of remote learning during the second lockdown of the COVID-19 pandemic. As well as providing on-line lessons, staff supported many vulnerable children and children of essential workers with on-site provision. We were delighted with the overwhelmingly positive response to provision during lockdown captured by our parent survey after Easter.

The strictures of working in “bubbles”, both during lockdown and when all pupils were able to return to school, made for a challenging year for staff, in common with many schools across the country. We thank all members of staff for their dedication to the children during this time, and we hope that the relaxation of restrictions for the new school year will bring a much needed return to normality.

As governors we were unable to come into school to hold our meetings or to carry out link visits. However we made good use of the school’s Zoom account to hold our meetings, and this had a positive effect on attendance, with governors able to balance meetings with their other commitments. Although we hope to meet in person as much as possible over the next year, we will continue with Zoom as an option.

In March we held our first “governor day” as a focus for link visits and engagement with children, parents and staff. Although this was, by necessity, held on-line, the day proved very worthwhile with consistent feedback on how resilient the children had been returning to school after lockdown. We look forward to repeating it next year, hopefully in school this time!

The only opportunity for a few governors to come into school was to perform admissions ranking, although these meetings were kept as short as possible and were all socially-distanced. We consulted on our admissions policy for 2022-23 owing to the return to a PAN of 30 following two years of double intake. At the end of the year we were also required to revise this policy and the policy for 2021-22 to comply with the new School Admissions Code 2021.

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Over the course of the year we continued to provide support and challenge to the school leadership, and to review financial management. We are grateful for all the support provided by the PTA and those who have supported their on-line events for the benefit of all the children.

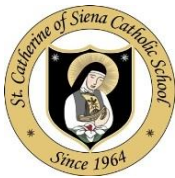
Finally, I would like to thank all our governors for the energy and enthusiasm they bring to the role, and I look forward to working with them again in the new school year. For anyone in our community who would like to join us, we currently have vacancies for foundation governors; please contact the school office to make an appointment if you would like to find out more about the role.

Mike Pargeter

Chair of Governors, October 2021



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Governing Board Membership 2020-21

Governor	Appointed by	Date of Appointment	Term of Office	Date of Resignation	Business Interests	Attendance
Adanta Anderson	Elected by parents	06/11/2020	4 years			83%
Georgina Cooper	Diocese of Westminster	01/05/2021	4 years			100%
Oscar Fernandes	Diocese of Westminster	01/09/2018	4 years			100%
Selina Janmohamed	Governing Board	06/10/2020	4 years			75%
Nicola Kane	Ex officio				Director - Stick Mark Boom Ltd (Educational Resources)	100%
Patricia Morton	Diocese of Westminster	01/09/2018	4 years			75%
Michael Pargeter	Diocese of Westminster	01/09/2017	4 years		One family member employed by the school	100%
Hayley Rees	Elected by parents	26/06/2019	4 years			75%
Dawn Reidy	Elected by staff	12/09/2019	4 years			63%
Sarah Stanton	Elected by staff	12/09/2019	4 years			75%
Catherine Wildey	Diocese of Westminster	01/09/2020	4 years			100%
Vera Woolls	Elected by parents	18/11/2016	4 years	05/11/2020		100%

Associate members, pending re-appointment by the Diocese of Westminster: Margaret Davidovitz, Patricia Whitham.

During the course of the year we thanked Mrs Woolls for her service as she stepped down at the end of her term as an elected parent governor. We welcomed Miss Anderson who was elected to the vacant position; and Mrs Wildey and Mrs Cooper who were appointed as foundation governors by the Diocese of Westminster. We are grateful to Mrs Janmohamed for continuing as our community governor for a second term.

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