

Annual Review of Governance 2021-22

I am pleased to write to our school community with this review of governance for the last school year. This was another year affected greatly by the COVID-19 pandemic, albeit one that enabled us to return, very slowly, to normal practice.

As governors, most of our meetings were once again held by Zoom. However a highlight was coming together in July to share a liturgy with staff and to hold our final full GB meeting of the year in person again. For the year ahead we have changed our schedule of meetings to have the best of both worlds: full GB meetings in person at school, curriculum meetings also in school but at the end of the school day so that staff do not have to stay late, and finance meetings by Zoom.

As restrictions eased over the year, governors were able to come into school once more to conduct link visits. These included: joining staff Inset days, attending worships, meeting subject leaders and meeting SEND leaders. These visits are a wonderful opportunity to see the school in action, and complement the internal and external reports that we review in order to support and challenge the school leadership.

Governors were involved in the long-awaited Section 48 inspection by the Diocese of Westminster. The children, staff and leadership team were a credit to the school and all should be proud of the excellent report from the inspectors.

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The return to normal practice also meant the return of SATs for our Year 6 children. One or more governors attended each session in a monitoring capacity, suggested as best practice by the Department for Education. Governors commended the children on their dedication, and were delighted to see results on a par with pre-pandemic levels and favourable to national and trust performance. All the children and staff who worked so hard to make up for time lost to the pandemic should be very proud of their achievements.

At the recent PTA AGM governors were delighted to hear how much had been raised over the course of the year; these valuable funds will make a real difference to the opportunities we can provide the children. We are very grateful to the PTA committee, helpers, and all parents that have supported their events; and we look forward to the prospect of more social events this coming year!

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.

Mike Pargeter

Chair of Governors, December 2022



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Governing Board Membership 2021-22

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			78%
Georgina Cooper	Diocese of Westminster	01/05/2021	4 years			89%
Oscar Fernandes	Diocese of Westminster	01/09/2018	4 years	31/08/2022		44%
Selina Janmohamed	Governing Board	06/10/2020	4 years			56%
Nicola Kane	Ex officio				Director - Stick Mark Boom Ltd (Educational Resources)	100%
Patricia Morton	Diocese of Westminster	01/09/2018	4 years	31/08/2022		67%
Michael Pargeter	Diocese of Westminster	01/09/2021	4 years		One family member employed by the school	100%
Hayley Rees	Elected by parents	26/06/2019	4 years	31/08/2022		44%
Dawn Reidy	Elected by staff	12/09/2019	4 years	31/08/2022		33%
Sarah Stanton	Elected by staff	12/09/2019	4 years	31/08/2022		56%
Catherine Wildey	Diocese of Westminster	01/09/2020	4 years			100%

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

At the end of the year we thanked Mrs Morton and Mr Fernandes for their many years of service as governors, having both reached the maximum term permitted by the Diocese of Westminster. We wished Miss Stanton well and thanked her for her service as she moved to her new school, and we also thanked Mrs Rees and Mrs Reidy for their service as they stepped down as parent and staff governor, respectively. At the beginning of the year Mr Pargeter was re-appointed foundation governor for a final term by the Diocese of Westminster.

Be who God created you to be and you will set the world on fire.