



ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)



Governors' Newsletter – Spring Term 2023

Welcome

Dear pupils, staff, parents, carers and members of our community, Happy New year! The governing body of SJF welcome you to another positive term. We hope you all had a restful holiday during the festive period.

You will be pleased to know that governors are working closely with the leadership team of the school, to continue to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff during this term. We will continue to monitor the implementation of all health and safety measures presently in place. Everyone is expected to please adhere to these mandatory measures. For clarity, kindly visit the school's website to update yourself on this policy.

Governing Board Focus

As governors, our main priorities remain to,

1. Ensure that learning and behaviour standards are outstanding and attainable by the children.
2. Ensure that the pastoral care of the pupils is outstanding.
3. Support the school in achieving its set aims and objectives.
4. Ensure best practices across board in the school.
5. Support periodic review of existing policies and set targets.
6. Ensure that new policies are in place and in line with regulatory requirement.
7. Be a critical friend to the head teacher and management staff.
8. Through active communication with governors and staff, share improvement ideas and solve problems.
9. Encourage on-going training for teachers, parents/carers and governors.
10. Promote equality, inclusion and safeguarding of pupils and staff.

Additionally, we will work seamlessly with SJF's leadership team to ensure that everyone complies with the school's health and safety policies.

Training

Governors have continued to access on-line trainings to keep abreast of relevant regulatory and statutory policies.

What we ask of you is to regularly visit the school's website, to update yourselves with information on statutory policies and school activities. You can also follow the school's activities on twitter [@stjohnfishercps](https://twitter.com/stjohnfishercps).

Parents attended an E-Safety workshop which was designed to inform parents of the potential dangers our children can encounter being online and how we can keep them safe.

Meetings held by the governing board.

In the last term, we held a general governing board meeting. Our Curriculum and Resources committees also held their meetings. These meetings will continue to be held as scheduled.

Link Governors

Link governors will continue to work proactively with the school's key staff in the following areas:

- Safeguarding
- Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Pupil premium
- Health and Safety
- Training

School Activities

As you all know that every October, Black History is always the focus at St John Fisher. In order to celebrate we were able to come together to watch the Black History event. As always all of the year groups performed exceptionally well. It was wonderful to see some of the parents sharing stories and singing.

We were also able to watch the Harvest Festival celebrations led by Years 3 and 4. We continued to support the St John Fisher Food Bank by donating food and paying £1 on 'Wear your own clothes day'. Through all the donations we raised £350.00. At the celebration the food was displayed and blessed by Sister Kathlene. All of the food was delivered to the Sister's house by Year 5 and 6.

We came together to watch the splendour of the Nativity called 'A Miracle in Town' retold by Year 2, Year 1 and Reception. What a show it was! The children put on a fantastic performance and we are very proud of them all.

Punctuality/Attendance

Our school's aim is to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality. As governors, we remain resolute in working with the school to achieve this. We encourage parents and carers to work in partnership with us to ensure that their child(ren) come to school daily and are ***punctual***.

Parking

Governors continue to closely monitor the parking situation outside our school gates. We advise parents/carers to comply with the parking regulations. Please park in a safe place that does not obstruct other cars, zig zags, garages and other motorists. This is for the safety of our children as well as members of our community. Remember, we are role models for our children.

We also encourage our pupils to walk to school where possible.

Best regards,

Esther Phillips
Chair of Governors