

ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)

Governors' Newsletter - Summer Term 2019

Summer Term

The governing body of St. John Fisher Catholic Primary School welcome our pupils and staff back from the Easter holidays. We look forward to an exciting and eventful summer term!

Governing Board Focus

Our focus remains to achieve set goals as we continue to work seamlessly with our staff and pupils, in line with the school's development plan. The governing body of SJF will continue 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.

Training

Training is key to developing the required skills needed to support our school. SJF governors and staff are committed to attending relevant continuous professional development trainings, seminars and meetings. Governors recently attended a series of trainings organised by Bexley Council and an in-house E-Safety training organised by staff of SJF.

As governors, we continue to update and familiarise ourselves with reviewed and new policies. Parents and carers are advised to regularly visit the school's website to update themselves with information on statutory policies and school activities. You can also follow the school's activities on twitter [*@stjohnfishercps*](#).

We encourage parents and carers to attend Open evenings, where they can receive relevant and other important information. Open evenings also afford parents/carers the opportunity to share ideas, ask questions and get clarification on certain issues.

Where the school is providing free training for parents/carers, it would be beneficial for you to attend. Governors carried out a learning walk in April 2019. Our learning walks give us the opportunity to observe pupils learning behaviour and best practices throughout the school. This also enables us to give critical feedback to the Head Teacher. We rate our pupils and staff as outstanding.

Core Committees

Our Curriculum and Resources committees held productive meetings in the Spring term.

Link Governors

Link governors 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

In the Spring term, in line with our support for the school, governors attended the Key Stage 2 Easter performance. Through their brilliant performance, the pupils were able to remind us of the magnitude of God's love for humanity.

We applaud the staff and pupils for putting together that exceptional performance.

SJF governing body also commend the parents, carers and members of our community who made out time to attend our school events.

Congratulations to our fantastic and able netball team for winning the Greenwich netball league (retaining the championship position) and Thamesmead Netball league!!

One of our exceptional pupils also won player of the tournament! We will continue to encourage sporting activities within and outside our school.

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 for the safety of our children and members of our community. We also encourage our pupils to walk to school.

Remember, we teach our children by example.

SJF Governing Body