

# ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)

## *Governors' Newsletter – Autumn Term 2020*

### **Welcome!**

The governing body of SJF is very pleased to welcome our new pupils! We are also delighted about the return of our old pupils and staff after the unusual Spring and Summer terms. Regrettably, due to the pandemic, we were unable to give our year 6 pupils a memorable send-forth. None the less, we are grateful to God for keeping you all safe and well during the very long break. We believe everyone has adjusted to the 'new normal' and will abide by the government's advice on safety measures. We are also optimistic that our pupils will continue to thrive, through various learning experiences, within and outside the school environment.

The management team and staff have worked professionally and tirelessly to ensure the school's environment is safe and ready for learning. We sincerely appreciate and applaud their efficiency and hard work. Everyone's full cooperation is kindly required to make this a successful term.

### **Governing Board Focus**

As we continue in our duties, our focus remains to attain target goals as detailed in our school's development plan. These include 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.

In addition to the above, we will work seamlessly with SJF's leadership team, staff, pupils and guardians to ensure that the health and safety measures in place are strictly adhered to.

## **Training**

Training continues to be paramount in 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, within specified safety terms. Governors attended some trainings in Bexley Council at the beginning of the Spring term.

We strongly advise guardians 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](https://twitter.com/stjohnfishercps).

Due to the present circumstances, Open evenings and trainings may slightly be changed. The leadership team of SJF will be providing information on these and other matters.

## **Core Committees**

Our Curriculum and Resources committees will continue to hold meetings as scheduled.

## **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**

SJF governing body will continue to support the school by attending planned activities in line with our health and safety policy. Once again, we wish our out-going year 6 pupils good luck in their future endeavours.

### **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 are role models for our children.

Thank you!

**Signed: SJF Governing Body**