

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Governors' Update Summer Term 2024



Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of academic year, we would like to let you know about the work of the Governing Board over the last two terms.

What have we been doing since the last update?

This term we have welcomed two new Parent Governors, Laura Cadman and Toby Kirkby who are looking forward to developing their roles in the new academic year. You can find out more about who the governors are on the school website:



https://www.stpatricks-wilts.co.uk/1-who-we-are/



We held Full Governing Board meetings in April and July, where we discussed what has been happening in the school, monitored the school finances and looked at Early Years, Phonics Screening Check and KS2 SATs outcomes, which were incredibly positive. We also discussed the outcome of a Diocesan monitoring visit, staffing for the new academic year, attendance updates following the changes introduced by the Department for Education and setting the new school budget.

Many improvements to the grounds have taken place, including the refurbishment of the Year 2 classroom, the widening of the KS2 footpath and the completion of the KS1 security gate.

Individually, we have been involved in school life in the following ways:

- Monitoring of the KS2 SATs administration.
- Monitoring of the Science curriculum and looking at a sample of pupil work.
- Reviewing the school's progress in the roll out of the new Religious Education curriculum
- Working with the Chaplaincy Team to monitor the Catholic life of the school.
- Reviewing the phonics programme and monitoring progress in phonics and early reading.
- Attending a Safeguarding Review.
- Reviewing the Pupil Premium Strategy for 2023-24 and approving next academic year's strategy.
- Monitoring of the Design Technology curriculum.
- Attending a Diocesan meeting to hear the new Bishop's vision for Clifton Diocese schools.

In the new academic year, we will reassign our responsibilities to ensure that we continue to effectively monitor the new School Development Plan's priorities and statutory areas.

Could you be a Foundation Governor?

We are still in need of additional Foundation Governors. If you, or anyone you know, is a practising Catholic and interested in this role, you can find more details about the application process here: Governance | Clifton Diocese Schools and Colleges (click the Recruitment tab)





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We would like to thank all members of the school community for their support throughout the year. The leadership team, teachers, support staff, office staff, lunchtime staff, PTFA, pupils, parents and anyone involved in the school community; you all work together with passion and care to ensure that St Patrick's Catholic Primary School continues to be a welcoming and positive place to be – Thank You!

We wish everyone in our school community a relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in the Autumn term!



Best wishes,

The Governors of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School