

ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)

Governors' Newsletter – Autumn Term 2019

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Welcome back from the Summer holidays!

The governing body of St. John Fisher Catholic primary school is pleased to know that our pupils and staff are ready for the exciting Autumn term challenges.

Governing Board Focus

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

As governors, we continue to update and familiarise ourselves with reviewed and new policies e.g. the September 2019 updated Safeguarding statutory policy. We strongly advise parents and carers 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**](#).

In addition, 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 the Summer term. Our learning walks afford us the opportunity to observe pupils learning behaviour and best practices throughout the school. This helps us to give critical feedback to the Head Teacher. We rate our pupils and staff outstanding as always.

Core Committees

Our Curriculum and Resources committees held productive meetings in the Summer 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 Summer term, in line with our support for the school, governors attended the Key Stage 2 end of year excellent performance, the sports day event and the end of year thanksgiving Mass.

We applaud the staff and pupils for their resilient efforts to always aim for excellence in every event.

SJF governing body would like to commend the parents, carers and members of our community who gave up their time to attend our school events.

Congratulations to our out-going year 6 pupils for a brilliant SATs results! We wish them 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 teach our children by example.

SJF Governing Body