

## St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School 2021-2022



### Annual Governance Statement for the Local Governing Body of St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School July 2022

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School Local Governing Body are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

#### Governance arrangements

The Governing Body of St Francis of Assisi Primary School was re-constituted in April 2016 when we joined the St John the Baptist Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. It is now known as the Local Governing Body. Members can be found on the Governors page of the school website. Details of all attendance can be found on the school website.

This year we have moved back to visits in person. We are all very much looking forward to getting back to masses, art exhibitions, and parental engagement meetings. As a LGB we have continued to be very impressed by the dedication and resilience shown by all staff in their support of our school community throughout the pandemic. This has been borne out in the school achieving the Wellbeing award this year – something we are all very proud of.

We have continued to provide support to our staff in evaluating the quality of learning taking place in lessons and the impact of the teaching on this.

We have spent time reviewing and discussing the key data which give the results of pupil achievement and progress; so that we can be sure that the school is on track to fulfil its ambitious targets for all pupils.

We have looked at how the Pupil Premium Grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has on outcomes with a detailed report indicating the effect on the children is regularly provided to the Pupil Premium Governor. An Annual Report outlining how we spend our Pupil Premium allocation is available on the school website as is our Sports Premium report.

We have also looked at our "vulnerable groups" of children, SEN provision and Safeguarding. We have a Nominated Governor for Safeguarding who reports to the governors about any safeguarding

matters as well as maintaining an up-to-date Safeguarding Policy (which can be found on the school website).

We have looked at the maintenance and development of the school premises, school resources, health and safety, finance and makes decisions about how the school uses its budget. The committee is responsible for pay, appeals and the Headteacher performance review.

We have had a focus on improved reporting to ensure clarity of information- for example the introduction of the new Head Teacher report which allows for better challenge and support.

Governors have also visited to liaise regarding improving parental communication and this will be followed up in the new academic year.

We have reviewed and agreed various policies, and these are all available on the school website.

St Francis Governors also work with all schools within the Catholic Multi Academy Trust to ensure a high quality of education provision. We share resources and expertise, for example and we work together to focus on ensuring a smooth transition for children going from all the Catholic Primaries to Notre Dame High School and our Chair meets Termly with Chairs from other schools in our MAT.

Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents - please ask at the school office if you would like to see any of the minutes of our meetings.

<b>Future plans for the governors</b>	Governors will focus on the continued pursuit of excellence to successfully create a culture of high expectations and aspirations despite the backdrop of the pandemic. We also developed a good succession plan for Andrew to follow on as Chair from Susan in the new academic year.
<b>How you can contact the governing body</b>	We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, via the school office. You can find more information about the Local Governing Body on the Governor’s page of the school website.