



Holy Cross Primary
School

Governor newsletter

Dear Parents and friends,

The governing body have undergone a period of change since last newsletter. Mr. Toogood left us last year and Mrs. Fitzgerald has kindly stepped in as staff Governor. Jonathon Lines has joined us as parent governor.

In May last year, we had our OFSTED inspection and were judged to be GOOD. The inspectors captured the warmth and care for the whole community at Holy Cross and all the hard work in early reading and phonics. We thank all the staff and children for this great achievement for our school. Please spread the voice on the quality of our school for new children to join in Reception for 2024-2025. The school is happy to organise school visits. Please call the office on 01173772199 to arrange.

We still need foundation governors. If you are interested please read the leaflet on the Clifton Diocese website <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Could-you-be-a-School-Governor.pdf> and complete the application forms. If you want to know more about what a governor does please contact the chair of governors Angela Serjeant (aserjeant@holycross.bristol.sch.uk)

General

Thank you for parking safely during school drop off and pick up times. The school is no longer receiving complaints from neighbours about parking and we really appreciate your help with this. We have three committees that meet between three and six times per year and some highlights from the work of these committees are included below. Governors regularly come into school and talk to children and the last couple of visits have been focused on RE. We are always really impressed by the welcome that we get from the children

Mission and Ethos

The governors discussed how well the Children who are serving as chaplains are getting on. They are planning a retreat day with Deacon Paul and children from Christ the King and St Bernadette are going to join.

Groups terms of reference and reviewed and updated policies which are now available to read on the school website.

We also focused on attendance and time keeping.

Resources

The governors have been focused on the planning in the land next to the school. Requests have been sent to local authorities for involving the school in the decision making.

H&SE, Budget and resources matters of the school are addressed regularly in this committee.

Quality and Standards

We review the curriculum that we offer to our pupils, we review pupil progress and attainment throughout the year and we think about any areas of improvement that we identify and which are tracked in our School Improvement Plan.

One of the main areas of focus is writing. We want to give our pupils lots of opportunities to write in different styles and on lots of different topics. Our pupils write in English lessons but also in RE and topics lessons. We thank you all for the lovely entries we have received for the writing competition.

OUR ROLE

- ♦ ***Set the aims and objectives for the school***
- ♦ ***Set the policies for achieving those aims and objectives***
- ♦ ***Set the targets for achieving those aims and objectives***



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Your governors

Note: We are here to help, do not hesitate in contacting us for sharing your ideas or concerns



Angela SERJEANT: Chair of Governors, Safeguarding, Children in care (foundation governor)



Emma ANDREWS: Vice Chair, GDPR, Chair of Quality and Standards, Governors visits (local authority governor)



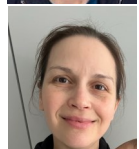
Pat WALKER: Chair of resources, Shared H&S, SEN, PP (foundation governor)



Caryn DAVIES: Chair of Mission and Ethos (foundation governor)



James DRODZ: Mental Health governor, Shared H&S (parent governor)



Angela FERRER LOPEZ: (foundation governor)



Jonathon LINES: (parent governor)



Kate FITZGERALD: (staff governor)