



Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of St Walburga's Catholic Primary School  
2023-24

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of the St Walburga's Catholic Primary School 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 Walburga's is made up of two staff governors (including the Headteacher), two elected Parent Governors, one Local Authority Governor and seven Foundation Governors.

The full Governing Body meets once a term, and we also have several committees who consider different aspects of the school in greater detail. At St Walburga's School we have a 'Curriculum and Standards committee' which focuses on learning and teaching in the school, a 'Resourcing committee', plus a 'Pay committee' and an 'Admissions committee'; further committees can be convened if required to consider complaints, pupil discipline, or any other important matters.

The work that we have done this year:

The Governing Body has had a busy year with a focus on school development.

The 'Curriculum and Standards Committee' has worked closely with school staff, monitoring the provision of a broad and balanced curriculum. We have also discussed key data giving the results of pupil achievement and progress, so that we can be sure the school is on track to fulfil its ambitious targets for every pupil. We also discuss the progress of our 'vulnerable groups' of children, and focus on how the Pupil Premium grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has had on their outcomes. The SEN governor sits on this particular committee, bringing a specific scrutiny of the attainment and progress of those children needing additional support.

The 'Resourcing committee' looks at the maintenance and development of the school premises, and makes decisions about how the school should use the budget. In addition to regular Health and Safety updates at committee meetings, the committee carries out an annual check of the whole school site. Early in the summer term, the 'Resourcing committee' approved the budget for the year.

The 'Resourcing committee' has also worked closely with the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher on the recruitment and deployment of staff, as well reviewing and appraising staff performance. Another role of the governor is to review and agree school policies. This year we have been able to consider and accept a number of key policies.

Minutes of the Governing Body meetings are public documents, and you can ask at the school office if you would like to see any of the minutes.

How you can contact the governing body:

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Matthew Betts, via the school office. You can see the full list of governors; their attendance at meetings and more information about what we do, on the Governors' page of the website.