



**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of  
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
2018/2019**

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

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the school leadership 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 Joseph's Catholic Primary School was made up of 15 members in the last school year.

It consists of:

- 8 x Foundation Governors (2 Vacancies)
- 1 x Ex-officio Governor
- 1 x Staff Governors
- 1 x Co-opted Governor
- 1 x Parent Governors
- 1 x Local Authority Governors
- 2 x Associate Governors

The Governing Body met 4 times during 2018/19.

In addition the governing body operates the following committees:

- Resources
- Pay & Performance Management
- Learning & Achievement

**Attendance of governors**

Separate details on our school website details the attendance of each individual governor at our meetings.

**The work that we have done on the Governing Body**

It has been another busy year for the governing body.

Governors reviewed and approved school policies due for renewal.

	<p>Monitoring reports detailing the school's financial position in relation to income and expenditure, particularly in regard to the school budget for the 2018/19 academic year. This process continued throughout the year together with the presentation and approval of a new budget for 2019/20. Governors considered the Pupil Premium and Sports Premium Grant spending as well as examining the impact of this in the previous year.</p> <p>Governors were kept informed of curriculum decisions and assessment information.</p> <p>Issues related to the school buildings and premises were discussed with forthcoming plans for development.</p> <p>Governors undertook monitoring visits across the course of the year.</p> <p>The Pay committee met to consider the recommendations made in relation to teachers' pay progression as a result of the completion of the performance management cycle.</p> <p>The Governing Body discussed and considered many issues over the course of the year. The school leadership presented comprehensive reports at each meeting.</p> <p>In the summer term the governing body agreed to join a partnership with Cardwell Primary and Eglinton Primary, with the Executive Headteacher of these schools assuming the same role at St Joseph's as from September 2019.</p>
<p><b>Future plans for the governors</b></p>	<p>Governors will be working with the Executive Headteacher to further develop and embed the leadership of the school.</p>

	<p>Monitoring visits by Governors will continue with a focus on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quality of Learning</li> <li>- Leadership and Management</li> <li>- Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare</li> <li>- Safeguarding and Child Protection</li> <li>- Inclusion</li> </ul>
<b>How you can contact the governing body</b>	<p>We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents/carers – please contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Paul Drake, via the school office. You can see more about the role of the Governing Body in the Governors’ section of the school website.</p>

<b>St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Governing Body 2018/2019</b>	
<b>Governor</b>	<b>Category</b>
Paul Drake	Co-opted Governor
Agnes Njoh	Foundation Governor
Susan Bush	Foundation Governor
Theresa Craig	Foundation Governor
Adanna Ebuzoeme	Foundation Governor
Frances Krampa	Foundation Governor
Bernadette Miamo	Foundation Governor
Mrs R England	Staff Governor
Michael Vallely	Local Authority Governor
Nicola Matthews	Parent Governor
Mrs J Harvey	Associate Governor
Mrs L Dingley	Associate Governor