

ST. ALOYSIUS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOVERNORS



School Motto

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Thursday 17th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS WELCOME

I hope you and your children are enjoying the Autumn term. This is my second year as Chair of the Governing Body and I am looking forward to working with our strong school leadership team in Hannah Tebb and Karen Black. It is also great to see our children enjoying the many activities that the PTA have organised.

The role of our Governing Body

I wanted to share more information with you regarding our Governing Body. Our role is to ensure that we strive for academic excellence and we nourish our children's spiritual, emotional and educational development. We are responsible for:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding school leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation making sure its money is well spent

As Governors, we consider our most important role to be the safety, welfare and education of our pupils. You can find out more about what we do on the school website [Information - St. Aloysius' Catholic Primary School \(staloysius.net\)](http://staloysius.net)

Our priorities for this year include:

- Implementing a plan to improve school admission levels
- Developing an innovative IT strategy for our school
- Monitoring the implementation and impact of progression of knowledge and skills in all areas of the curriculum for all learners
- Monitoring the implementation and impact of progression of the RE, Collective Worship and Catholic Life Section 48 action plan
- Continuing to develop the safeguarding and wellbeing action plan
- Focusing on school finances to ensure we can build a sustainable financial plan

Our Governing Body

Our Governing Body is made up of staff, foundation and parent governors, each bringing a wide range of knowledge and experience to the group. It is important that the voice of parents is represented and our two parent governors provide this vital link.

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Foundation Governor Vacancy

We have a foundation governor vacancy and are specifically looking for finance or IT skills. A full listing of existing Governors is available on the school website.

We are always keen to hear seek the views of parents so if you wish to contact me directly, please email me on paulineb@st-alloysius.oxon.sch.uk and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible throughout the school year.

School Buildings Fund

To keep the school's facilities safe and up to date, we have an ongoing programme of building projects. In past years, these have included the courtyard conversion, improvements to all the pupil cloakroom facilities, redecoration of classrooms and common areas, repair of the boundary walls, replacement energy efficient lighting, a new server and laptops for the classrooms.

As a voluntary aided school whose buildings are owned by the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, the school has to contribute 10% towards these projects. The rest will usually be matched by 90% from Diocesan capital funds or Local Authority premises grants.

Future Diocesan capital projects hope to include refitting KS2 toilets (planned for January 2023), refurbishment of the reception area and offices, replacement of the astroturf, continuing updating and replacement of IT equipment, improvement of outside areas, etc.

I am therefore writing to ask you to consider making a regular donation to the school, if you are able to. Any donation, no matter how small, would be welcome and will go towards improving the classrooms and playgrounds for our pupils. If each family could donate £10 a term (i.e. £30 a year) we could raise over £4,500, which could in turn release up to £45,000 of capital funds.

If you can contribute, please complete the accompanying standing order form. You can return the form via the school office, or if you prefer, directly to the Diocesan Education Service. If you prefer to make a one-off contribution, please pay by cheque to "St. Aloysius' Catholic Primary School" and hand to the school office (please mark the back of the cheque "School Building Fund donation").

We are, as always, very grateful for all you do to support our school.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors

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