

## **A message from the Governors**

Thank you for visiting the website for St Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School – Boughton – New Ollerton.

The Governing body supports the Senior Leadership of the School in setting the strategic direction of the school and forms two main committees to do this. The Strategic Development Committee considers the educational attainment, achievement and safeguarding of the pupils at the school whilst the Finance and General Purposes Committee considers Budgeting, Health and Safety, safeguarding and staffing issues. A further committee is also responsible for Admission decisions.

The Governing body is made up of eight Foundation Governors proposed by the Parish priest of which 4 are Parents of children at the school.

The rest of the Governing body is made up of Staff, Parent and Local Authority Governors.

Please read other information in this section of the website if you would like to express an interest in becoming a Governor at the school.

As a Governing body we are always conscious of two questions :

What has been done to impact on outcomes for pupils ?

How has the Governing Body held school leaders to account ?

Our latest response to these questions includes :

Last year we authorised spending decisions based on the need to introduce a book banding system across the school. The impact been that reading is the strongest area in all cohorts with 95% of our Year 6 leavers at or above the nationally expected level of attainment with 62% exceeding this level. Progress in reading also exceeded national averages and expectations last year. Governors monitored the introduction of book banding with the Senior Leadership team throughout the year.

We also reacted to an issue relating to whole school attendance. Through the introduction of Governor supported initiatives such as half termly Non uniform Days for 100% attendance and the employment of an Education welfare Officer we managed to bring attendance in line with National expectations – an improvement of 1.9% from the previous year. The Headteacher monitored attendance weekly and reported to Governors termly on progress.

The acquisition of funding for, and the instillation of solar panels for the school has given us guaranteed future funds to support the maintenance and development of the learning environment. This has already realised a new covered outdoor learning space for our Nursery and playground equipment for the older children. We speak to children about their views about facilities at the school and Governors monitor the Health and Safety aspects annually.

We support the Senior Leadership Team in their professional development along with all the staff at the school. The Headteacher reports back on professional development and the impact it is having on outcome for the children.

A rigorous appraisal process takes place with support from an external advisor to the Governors in setting and reviewing performance measured Targets. These match school improvement priorities brought about by analysis of the latest school results, national initiatives and specific school needs.