



**Unlocking Potential Together
in Faith and Love.**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well and ready for a well-earned Easter break with your families and ready to celebrate the most important week as a Catholic School as we celebrate the Easter Triduum.

This term has been very much business as usual, and I am pleased to say we have no changes to staffing this term. The Full Governing Body continued with their responsibilities and met this term as scheduled and were pleased to see the progress being made by pupils in all subject areas. Faith and Community, Standards and Effectiveness and Finance and Buildings Committees have all met this last term as scheduled and reported to the Full Governing Body.

The Full Governing Body also received reports from the link governors. Mrs Mann in particular gave a very detailed account of her visit to school and discussions with the children. We were extremely impressed by this report and how well your children engage with governors to give an account of their learning. These reports continue to give Governors the confidence that the children in the Cathedral Catholic Primary school are safe and receiving the best possible education and they are also listened to especially via the Governor visits.

I was particularly delighted to see all the feedback forms from the parents questionnaire. Thank you for taking the time to complete this form and thank you for the wonderful comments about the school, but more importantly how your children are thriving in our school. Mrs Holt will publish the results after Easter.

Governors also continue to commit to training to assess all our skills so we can analyse any gaps and put our skill sets to best use in the various committees that we hold for the benefit of the school. This year once again, we will have a full governing body training session to ensure we keep up to date especially with the recent proposals of "Every Child Achieving and Thriving" white paper.

It is essential as a Catholic School we address our training through the provision of the Diocese Education service and Governors attend training on an annual basis from the diocese. In addition, we receive regular updates to assist us in our role of Governor in our Catholic School.

Governors attended Parents Evening and the book fair in the Spring Term to give you the opportunity to meet us in person, unfortunately I couldn't attend this year but my fellow governors were delighted to meet so many of you. I have attached an updated list of Governor Roles and Committees. If you wish to raise any matters with Governors please do not hesitate to contact us.

In May of this year, we have to carry out the election of the Parent Governor role as Mary Smith's term of office comes to a close. It will be a wonderful opportunity for a parent to join us and be active in the governance of your child's school.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers for all the extremely hard work they do for the children and school community.



Once again, the Governing body would like to thank the PTA for all their hard work over this last term, the children benefit greatly from all the events organised. Please do continue to become both active and support the events organised by the PTA.

It was wonderful to see all the children at Palm Sunday Mass, their presence in the Cathedral is so important to our Parish and I hope many of you will be able to attend the Tridium Services.

It is worth noting that this year all the Tridium Services will all take place in the Cathedral Parish of St Peter and the Lancaster Martyrs (The Cathedral), this will cover St Mary's Hornby, St Bernadettes, St Josephs and Saints Thomas and Elizabeth Thurnham. The times of these services are on the Cathedral Parish of St Peter and the Lancaster Martyrs (The Cathedral) newsletter, or on the website.

On Good Friday, there will be a children's liturgy during the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion which all children are very welcome to join. On Easter Sunday as always, we will have an Easter egg hunt for the children following 10.30 Mass. It would be wonderful to see as many families as possible.

Wishing you all a peaceful and Happy Easter.
Clare – Chair of governors

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School – Governing Body Roles

Chair of Governors – Mrs Clare Nolan-Barnes

Vice Chair of Governors – Mrs Jim Mann

Finance Premises Health and safety

Father J Millar (Chair)

Ms M Smith

Mrs C Nolan-Barnes

Mrs Holt

Faith, Community and Curriculum

Mr P Mitchell

Mrs B Teasdale

Mrs S Aravinth

Mrs C Branscombe

Mrs Holt

Standards and Effectiveness

Mrs J Mann

Mr S McManhon

Mrs N Holt

Mrs Dickinson

Nominated Governors

HRE/PSHE – Mrs B Teasdale

Inclusion/SEN – Bridget Teasdale

Training Link – Ms M Smith

EYFS – Mrs J Mann

Safeguarding – Mrs S Aravinth

English – Mrs J Mann

Catholic Life and RE – Mrs C Branscombe

Health and safety – Mrs C Nolan-Barnes

Maths – Mr P Mitchell