

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD TERMLY IMPACT REPORT
SPRING TERM 2021



It has been an unprecedented start to 2021 with school not opening fully after Christmas. It has been hugely busy and an important term for the school.

The Resources Committee agreed to the purchasing of laptops to enable those families who required technology to enable remote learning. Staff, have been busy rolling out the remote learning plan, delivering laptops and guiding and helping parents with the various aspects of remote learning.

The Recruitment Panel have been busy since January selecting and interviewing for the new members of the restructured Senior Leadership Team and we are very excited for the future. An Assistant Headteacher, Miss Nichola Bonsor and a Deputy Headteacher, Mr Stuart Aris were appointed to join the team.

We have been working hard to ensure that we continue and effectively self-evaluate to keep moving forwards. Audits and constant monitoring of the teaching and learning has shown improvements.

Regularly we question the school leadership team about the learning taking place, the financial management of the school and steps to keep our children happy, safe and secure. We are delighted to report that we continue to deliver a balanced budget in extremely tough educational landscape.

Governors should visit the school to look at different areas of school life. These visits are important as it gives governors the chance to spend time looking at specific areas of school life, talk to staff, members of the leadership team and pupils to get their views and to report back to governors.

Some of the visits that usually take place when we are allowed into the school look at:

- The Financial Management of the school
- Safeguarding
- The impact of Sports Premium
- Subject Faculty eg; STEM

Governors have been holding virtual visits and meetings during the whole lockdown as the Governing Board are not allowed into the school premises. The body has had to become proficient in using MS Teams and Zoom meetings to be able to fulfil their duty to the school.

We continue to train to improve our skills.

- Newest Governors to attend Induction Training with LPDS.
- In order to help and prepare ourselves for visits and meetings the Governing Board will attend Effective School Visits & Challenging Questions training.

To all of our team – thank you and we appreciate everything you do. From the office staff, to the TA's, to the teachers, to the senior leadership team, to pastoral support team, to the midday supervisors, the cleaners and our hardworking premises staff. The school is very lucky to have you.

We are incredibly excited about the next phase of our journey together.

Lesley-Ann Stickley
Vice Chair of Governors