

Autumn 2018 Governor Report

Our first meeting of the academic year and also since joining the new Nicholas Postgate Trust took place on Thursday 6th December; here's a short review of what we discussed:

- Amongst our discussions we initially addressed matters arising from the previous meeting including staff provision for the coming year, Mrs Williams and her years of dedication and service to our school were recognised and we asked to be forwarded to her our heartfelt thanks.
- We then moved onto an in depth look at our school data and performance presented by our Head Teacher who explained what strategies were being planned and implemented for, areas of improvement and also recognition for a high proportion of statistics showing that our school is making great progress.
- Governors congratulated the staff on the excellent OFSTED report recognising their drive and determination and sharing of good practice with other schools. We then evaluated the "School Evaluation Form" commonly known as SEF and the procedures to furthermore improve.
- Our school is expecting a 'Section 48' Inspection (Religious Studies & Catholic life of the school). The Deputy Head Teacher presented an update on the preparation for this visit. RE procedures were checked and verified by the Governors, each responding very positively to the progressions made.
- Safeguarding always remains a high priority, recent changes to some of these policies and guidelines on a national and Trust wide level were given to Governors and where applicable, policies were approved. The school's risk assessment was also scrutinised and plans for future bids to the Trust were discussed.
- Each Governor was assigned their areas of support and responsibility including a class and an area such as literacy, safeguarding, early years, caring catholic community etc. Governors will be expected to meet with members of staff and report of developments within throughout the upcoming year.
- At each Local Management Board Meeting (LMB) Governors receive a Head Teacher's report which updates the Governors on the school life including school developments, staff training, performance management, attendance, assessments as well as the fabulous events that take place within school.

We are truly blessed to have such a strong, supportive and forward thinking school. I hope this little overview gives you a little bit of a clearer understanding of what our school Governors do and are involved in, it is an extremely interesting, challenging and rewarding role. In the New Year our LMB are looking to appoint a new parent governor. If you feel you ever feel that you have something to offer, please speak to any of our Governors or school leadership team.

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Foundation Governor