

## Children's Services

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Governance arrangements for Annecy Catholic Primary School**

I am writing to you to inform you of the changes that East Sussex County Council (ESCC) is making to the governance of Annecy Catholic Primary School.

Following consultation with the Governing Body of Annecy Catholic Primary School the Council applied to the Department for Education (DfE) for approval to establish an Interim Executive Board ('IEB'). The application has been approved by the DfE and they have provided written consent for the Local Authority to appoint an IEB at the school with immediate effect.

The IEB will provide expertise, support and capacity to the school so that it can make rapid progress in securing improvement to standards and the quality of provision in the school. It will work closely with the school leadership team to bring about the improvements required. The IEB will take over all the roles and responsibilities of the governing body to provide governance for Annecy until it is confident that the school is making the necessary progress. The IEB will also explore options for strengthening the leadership and governance of the school in the long term.

The IEB members are:

Lindsey Diamond: Chair of the Interim Executive Board

Carrie Beech: ESCC Project Lead: Primary and Early Years

Rob Carter: Executive Headteacher

John Cornish: Ex-Chair of Governors, Annecy Catholic Primary School.

Anthony Moffatt: National Leader of Governance and Diocesan Representative

The IEB also has four associate members:

Janet Bowen: ESCC, Senior Personnel Officer

Patricia Metham: Ex-Annecy Governor and previously National English Adviser at OFSTED

Claire Roberts: ESCC Senior Manager, Support and Intervention (Improving Performance)

Cara Starbuck: ESCC Principal Finance Officer

Once the IEB is satisfied that the school has secured a strong trajectory of improvement and that plans for strengthening leadership are also secure, an exit strategy will be drawn up to ensure effective transition to new governance arrangements. It is anticipated that the IEB will be in place until December 2018.

As a parent/carer you will be rightly concerned that your child receives the best possible education at Anney and the Council is determined to work with you, the school and the Diocese to ensure that this is achieved. A meeting for parents and carers has been arranged for 6.00pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 so that you can meet me and some of the other members of the IEB and to ask any questions that you have. I look forward to meeting you then.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lindsey Diamond'.

Lindsey Diamond  
Chair of the IEB