

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Governors' Statement

We are a committed group of parents, staff and members of the community, who work collectively as the Governing Body. We identify and utilise our collective skills to support and challenge the Senior Leadership Team, ensuring that the governance and strategic leadership of the school is focused on ensuring high quality outcomes for all pupils.

At the heart of all we do is the wellbeing of our pupils. We are committed to the Church's mission in education, with spiritual and moral development a priority. The school's mission statement '*As unique individuals, we do our best at work and play, for the love of God and others*' encourages pupils to celebrate the success of others alongside their own, helping to promote mutual respect and a love of learning.

The Full Governing Body meets every term to review progress against the School Improvement Plan. We organise our work through a structure of committees, working parties and designated lead governors.

What we do as a Governing Body is described in our Terms of Reference, and the principles we adhere to are outlined in our Code of Conduct. Governors' attendance at meetings is high and their contributions are constructive.

As governors, our energies are focused on the following key priorities for all governors, as specified by the Department for Education, they are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent;

and specifically, at St Benedict's

4. It is our desire that pupils and staff have a high regard for the Catholic life of the school and Collective Worship.

It is important to note that the governors are a team, not a collection of individuals and however much we may differ in our opinions and experiences we are united by our commitment to the School and the responsibility we share for its long-term success. In short, we have a common purpose.

A table of Governors, and any additional responsibilities they have committed to undertake, can be viewed on the main Governor's page.

We welcome any questions or enquiries into the running of the Governing Body via the school office – please address it to the Chair of Governors.