

**ST KENTIGERN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**  
**ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**  
**SUMMER TERM 2015**



Wow what a year!!

It all began really before the summer holidays in 2014 when we congratulated our Deputy Head-teacher, Mrs Heyes on her appointment as Headteacher at St Peter's Lytham. So began the challenge of finding a replacement (not easy big shoes to fill). By the time school had broken up for summer Governors had everything in place to shortlist and interview when school came back in September.

Summer holidays saw the installation of a new working kitchen to allow us to provide our own school meals freshly prepared on site and phase 2 of the electrical upgrade.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, Governors joined with the HT, DHT and representatives from the Diocese and Local Authority to interview candidates for the DHT vacancy. We successfully appointed Mrs Barnes, a very experienced SENCO as our new DHT, she joined the staff in January.

And relax.....or so we thought!

But not so. On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October came the call that Ofsted would be in school the next day.. It was a rigorous and thorough inspection and Governors met with the lead inspector at 8am on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October to explain their knowledge of and involvement in our school. The result of the inspection, as you know, is that our school was judged to be good with some outstanding features. I am very proud to say that Governors were judged to be a strength in our school.

March 2015 brought another inspection, the Section 48 RE Inspection by the Diocese. Again Governors met with inspectors and were judged to be outstanding in their knowledge and support of the school. The school was found to be outstanding in four areas and good in two which gave us an overall rating of good with some outstanding features again.

Congratulations to the Headteacher and staff for these excellent outcomes, a result of their dedication and hard work.

A majority of Governors continue to attend termly Working Parties with the staff and are involved in discussion on pupil progress and adjustments in plans going forward. This practice of Governors being involved in such interaction with staff was recognised by Ofsted as good practice and the Lead Inspector took the idea away for use in other schools.

The role of Governor in our schools today is extremely demanding, supporting and challenging the Headteacher and staff in so many areas. I would like to thank our Governors at St Kentigerns for their continued generosity, giving freely of their time and talents. I thank them for their support for me as Chair of Governors and for their support for our school.

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