

St Peter's C of E Academy Premises Report September 2018 to June 2019

It is the responsibility of the Premises sub-committee to assist and support Mr Everett and Mrs Pennycott, the Business Manager, on all matters relating to the school premises and grounds, the security of the site and any and all Health and Safety (H&S) issues that may arise. In doing this, we are ensuring that St Peter's Academy remains a safe and secure environment for all those who pass through our doors.

We meet every term to monitor, discuss and make decisions about any new or ongoing projects so that we can then report back to all our governors at the next Local Board meeting; this ensures that the Local Board of Governors are always kept fully up to date with any progress.

This year, we have managed to complete many projects whilst operating within a tight budget. For instance, improvements have been made to our CCTV system, the roof above the key stage 1 cloakroom as well as removing old paving in the staff car park. Lighting in the hall has been upgraded with low energy LED fixtures and the boiler that provides heating was replaced. Often, we look to repairing equipment as a better cost option to the school than replacement.

We take H&S concerns very seriously and this was reflected in the external audit, undertaken for the Diocese of Bristol Academy Trust (DBAT), where we scored an impressive 97%. We have also commissioned our maintenance provider to undertake dedicated H&S compliance checks across the site which fits in well with DBAT's drive to improve H&S in all its academies.

Mrs Pennycott has continued to work tirelessly this year sourcing extra funding to improve our facilities. Thousands of pounds have been saved on maintenance of the woodland area by establishing a mutually beneficial arrangement with Lackham College for their Foundation Horticulture students to complete practical elements of their course in our grounds. She has also won £1700 from Tesco to improve our outdoor learning facilities.

Looking to the future, we hope that St Peter's Breakfast and After School Club, which was only started in April, will continue to expand. We also hope that the work to replace all the water pipes in the building, for which we have received a major funding grant from the Government, can be completed successfully during the summer holidays.