

Governors' Annual Statement 2015
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Goole

In accordance with the Government's requirements for all governing boards, the 3 core strategic functions of St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School are:

1. Ensuring the Catholic ethos, clarity of vision and strategic direction.
2. Holding the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the progress of the pupils.
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its budget is spent to achieve better outcomes for pupils.

Governance arrangements

The Governing Board of St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Goole was reconstituted in November 2014 and is now made up of 2 staff governors, one of whom is the head teacher, 2 elected parent governors, 1 local authority governor and 7 foundation governors, appointed by the Bishop of Leeds.

The Governing Board meet once each term. 4 committees are in place to consider different aspects of the school in detail. Each committee meets once a term

1. Leadership and Management Committee
2. Achievement and Teaching Committee
3. Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Committee
4. Behaviour and Safety Committee

Attendance record of governors

Attendance at Board meetings and committee meetings is good. All arranged meetings for this school year have taken place.

The work we have done on our committees and in the Governing Board.

The Governing Board have had a particularly busy year. New Governors have joined us this year and with the appointment of a new head teacher in September 2014, the governors were encouraged to work in a different way to improve effectiveness in holding the Head teacher and Staff to account for standards. All governors now regularly visit school to follow a particular strand of the school improvement plan and

to look for evidence that the actions taken by the staff are effective. All governors report in writing on their visits. At GB meetings governors discuss detailed key data giving the results of pupil achievement, attainment and progress so that we can be sure that the school is on track to fulfil its targets for all pupils. We focus on how the Pupil Premium Grant and Sports Funding are being spent and what impact this has on the pupil outcomes. Committees are responsible for the renewal of policies and procedures in accordance with changing legislation and the needs of the school. Governors have attended training on a number of topics; safeguarding, role of governors during an Ofsted Inspection, keeping pupils safe from radicalisation, introducing a new relationships and sex education programme, further developing the Catholic ethos of the school.

Developing the Catholic life of the School.

As a Catholic school we are always striving to offer the children a vibrant, caring environment with Christ at the centre of all we do. This year we have strengthened our links with other Catholic schools and we are now part of the Wakefield and out of district Catholic Partnership. Our children have taken part in Lenten activities with the partner schools and our teachers were able to take part in a day of spiritual renewal with the Partnership. They have also worked on curriculum issues with their peers from these schools. We have also engaged the services of Catholic Care to help our families who find themselves in difficult circumstances. The head teacher has recently worked with the teachers to ensure that collective worship is a meaningful and positive experience for the children. The children have also enjoyed learning to worship through dance with workshops during Advent.

Future plans for Governors

The governors will continue to work with the School, Parish and Diocese to ensure that all pupils at St. Joseph's received a broad and balanced education which is Christ Centred and has the Gospels values at its core.

How you can contact the Governing Board

We welcome suggestions; feedback and ideas from parents-please contact our Chair of governors, Mrs Catherine Murphy, via the school office. A full list of Governors and more information about the school can be found on the website.