



# Governor Newsletter

Summer 2024

## A message from Mr Kwateng, our Chair of Governors...

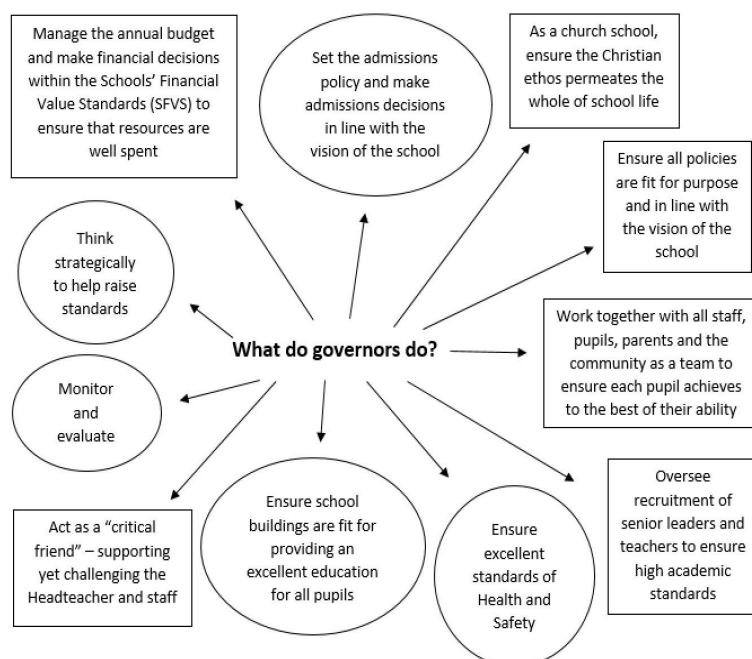
Thank you to all our families who gave feedback in our recent Parent Questionnaire. It was lovely to receive your positive and supportive comments. It was also useful to listen to a number of parents telling us that they feel they'd like more information on who our governors are and what we do. We have listened to this and in response we have decided on a few actions:

- **Each week a 'Governor Action' update will be included in the Newsletter, informing parents of something that the governors have engaged with that week.**
- **Our Website is being updated with information for all parents, identifying who our governors are & what role they have in the strategic management of our school.**
- **Our Governors will be doing their best to be present at different school events—if you don't know them, you can recognise them by their lanyards & photographs in our gallery in the school entrance.**

## Meet Our Governors

| Who...   | Key Roles...   | Did you know...   |
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| <b>Francis Kwateng</b><br>Chair of Governors     | Safeguarding<br>RSE and RE                                     | Francis is a Civil Engineer with a n extensive background in Health & Safety. He also has a strong background in the performing arts and RSC.   |
| <b>George Broughton</b><br>Vice Chair            | Mental Health<br>and Wellbeing                                 | George worked for over 20 years with the Cheshire and Wirral Parks, heading up the services in our Council. He has a passion for the outdoors and the impact of outdoor learning for our children |
| <b>Chris Wilson</b><br>Parent Governor           | Curriculum   | Chris is a Civil Engineer . He is Head of Capital Delivery at the National Environment Agency and also has a strong passion for Basketball and all sports.  |
| <b>Jon Turley</b><br>Parent Governor             | SEND<br>Training   | Jon has been a Scout Leader for over 20 years and currently works with our local cub scouts.  |
| <b>Colette Winterburn</b><br>Foundation Governor | Premises and<br>H&S  | Colette has given over 20 years of loyal service as a governor at St Mary's overseeing the building of our new school and serving as Chair for many years   |
| <b>Kate Dixon</b><br>Foundation Governor         | Pupil Premium<br>and Disadvan-<br>tagged Pupils                | Kate has a passion for language and etymology, she works with our children to share and nurture a love of language.   |
| <b>Jo Lyness</b><br>Foundation Governor          | Attendance<br>EYFS   | Jo has many years experience teaching in the EYFS sector which provides a great foundation for her connection to our Reception Class"   |
| <b>Jan Hamer</b><br>Foundation Governor          | Website  | Jan has an extensive background working in schools and one of her many, many talents is SUPERB cake baking! Jan is actively involved in both our school and our youth group.                      |
| <b>Ian Lloyd</b><br>Foundation Governor          | Assessment   | Ian is a designer by trade having designed the swimming pool of London's Shard . His handy work also created the beautiful book-cases in our atrium!  |
| <b>Angie Devaney</b><br>LA Governor              | GDPR and Fi-<br>nance  | Ange's ancestry relates back to the famous English poet William Wordsworth!   |
| <b>Matt Campbell</b><br>Staff Governor           | Curriculum   | Matt has an extensive history with St Mary's having also bene a pupil here! He was also once offered an interview with Lord Sugar's Ap-<br>prentice team!   |
| <b>Helen Thorpe</b><br>Headteacher               | Responsible for<br>reporting to<br>governors on all<br>matters | Helen taught in a South African prison before returning to work in schools in the UK.   |

## What do our governors do?



## What can governor activity look like in practice?

- Meeting with the full governing body x6 a year**
- Coming into school to monitor safeguarding checks are in place**
- Reviewing our Curriculum to check it is compliant**
- Review budget planning, ensuring we provide value for money**
- Checking that Bishops Mark's expectations are in place as a Catholic school**
- Monitoring our attendance tracking and analysis**

You can find our more about our governors on our website:

[St Mary of the Angels Primary School: Governors](#)

