



January 2021

## **Update from St John's Governing Board**

Dear Parent/Carer,

On behalf of the full governing board, I hope you had a relaxing Christmas break and everyone is looking forward to what will hopefully be a successful Spring term at St John's.

In line with previous years, I attach our report on governor activities for the last school year, 2019/20. The report provides a detailed overview of the role of the governing board, and how it supports the school in ensuring that all children enjoy their time at St John's and are able to reach their potential.

### **Review of the past academic year (2019/20)**

What now seems a lifetime ago, the academic year started with much fanfare and the opening of the new school building. All of the staff worked tirelessly over the summer to ensure the school was ready for the start of term and that effort continued throughout the year with the further development, and personalisation, of the school; from forest school to the installation of new playground equipment, outdoor seating and landscaping. The governors wish to thank the PTA who have continued to support the school with their tireless fundraising and meeting so many of the costs associated with kitting out the new building and playground.

As you will all appreciate, the second half of the academic year was severely disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The governing board continued to meet at least once a month (now virtually) to support the school in delivering home learning, care provision for children of key workers, and ensuring reception and years 1 and 6 could return in June as soon and safely as it was possible to do so. The end of the academic year also saw the development of the reception outdoor area which is fantastic resource and will ensure the younger children at school can continue to learn outside in all weathers, and help achieve their developmental milestones.

In the summer term Annie Harrison stepped down as chair and as a governor. On behalf of the governing board I wish to thank Annie again for all of her efforts over her four years as chair, and in particular for her support of the school rebuild.

### **The academic year to date / ahead (2020/21)**

The governing board have been delighted at how well the whole school community has reengaged with school life, and in particular the children with their learning, since the summer. We're even more delighted that the school has not had any bubbles 'burst' in the Autumn term (long may that continue!), pupil attendance has been very high, and the hard work undertaken by the senior leadership team and governing board has contributed to pupils being able to take part in so many of the special events we normally have in the Autumn term including the harvest festival, Children in Need, the nativity, and Christmas celebrations, and that parents and carers have been able to be present at many of those events and weekly assemblies, albeit virtually.

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For this academic year the governing board's action plan is to support the school in minimising the impact of Covid-19 on our children's education. Our primary aims are to:

1. Ensure the financial stability of the school when income streams have been impacted upon and unforeseen costs have arisen, while still supporting the funding of the development of the school grounds and IT infrastructure, for example;
2. Continue to develop the role of the governor in the current pandemic situation, including remote / virtual performance monitoring and engagement with subject leaders; and
3. Continue to promote community, cohesion and collaboration through profile raising of the board and its role, and continuing to work with a range of stakeholders on various aspects of school development.

In helping us deliver those aims, we have welcomed two new governors to the board who I am sure will be fantastic additions:

1. Councillor Dena Ryness, a councillor for the Heatons North ward and modern languages secondary school teacher, as our local authority governor; and
2. Professor Sara Fovargue, professor of law at Lancaster University and a Heatons resident and parent, as a co-opted governor.

Finally, you will find attached to this letter the various roles and responsibilities each of the governors at St John's have this year.

If you have any questions about the role of the governing board and its function in the school, or wish to be involved in some way in the future, please do not hesitate contact me at [gov.andrew.moore@st-johns.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:gov.andrew.moore@st-johns.stockport.sch.uk).

With kind regards,

Andy Moore  
Chair of Governors



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## **ST. JOHN'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD STRUCTURE 2020/21**

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>
Andy Moore (one year term of office)
<b>VICE-CHAIRPERSON</b>
Keith Ross (one year term of office)
<b>DEVELOPMENT GOVERNOR</b>
Keith Ross

<b>KEY STAGE GOVERNORS</b>	<b>CURRICULUM LINK GOVERNORS</b>	<b>STEERING GROUP</b>
EYFS – John Hodgkinson KS1 – Andy Moore Lower KS2 – Lynsey Williams Upper KS2 – Richard Valentine	Creative arts- Lynsey Williams Computing - Richard Penberthy English - Dena Ryness Geography and history - Andy Moore LPPA - Lynsey Williams Maths - John Hodgkinson Modern foreign languages - Dena Ryness PE - Richard Valentine PHSE - Sara Fovargue Science – Peter Smith RE & collective worship - vacant Wellbeing - Peter Smith	Chairperson Vice Chairperson Development Governor Headteacher
<b>ATTENDANCE GOVERNOR</b>	<b>SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR</b>	<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>
Keith Ross	Sara Fovargue	John Hodgkinson
<b>PUPIL PREMIUM GOVERNOR</b>	<b>EDUCATIONAL VISITS GOVERNOR</b>	<b>INCLUSION GOVERNOR</b>
Richard Valentine	Richard Valentine	Peter Smith
<b>PAY REVIEW</b>	<b>PAY APPEALS</b>	<b>HEADTEACHER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT</b>
Keith Ross Richard Penberthy Peter Smith	vacancy John Hodgkinson Andy Moore	Chairperson Vice Chairperson SIA

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