

The Governing Body of St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School is a Voluntary Aided school and its Governing Body consists of both appointed and elected governors.

Foundation Governors

Foundation governors at the school represent the interests of the Diocese of Westminster who are trustees of the school. Foundation Governors are appointed in the name of the Archbishop and form the majority of the governing body. They have a legal duty to preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school and to ensure that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed. There are eight foundation governors at St. Edmund's:

Mrs Deb Long (Chair)
Mrs Hazel Taylor (Vice Chair)
Fr Nigel Griffin
Ms Domini Bingham
Mr Sean Carey
Mr Gary Cole
Mr Sean McAlinden
Mrs Susan Sparkes

Parent Governors

Parents of pupils registered at the school are eligible to stand for election as a parent governor. They are elected by other parents at the school. The school has three elected parent governors:

Mr Louis Harrison
Mrs Clare Jones
Ms Christina Lingeman

Staff Governors

The Headteacher is automatically eligible to be a full member of the governing body by virtue of the office. Headteachers have the choice of being a governor. Both teaching and support staff who are paid to work at the school are eligible to stand as staff governors. They are elected by other members of staff at the school. The school has one elected staff governor:

Mr Fearghal Nash

Local Authority Governors

The Local Authority governor is recommended by the LBRUT and appointed by the Governing Body. Our LA governor is:

Mr Guy Elliott

Associate Members

Associate Members are appointed by the Governing Body where they have particular skills that are required in Committee and where they can be given voting rights. They can also attend Governing Body meetings where they do not have voting rights. Our Associate Members are:

Mrs Annette Collins
Mrs Kate Courtney-Taylor
Mrs Brenda Green (Deputy Headteacher)
Mrs Bob King

Ex-Officio

Mrs Carmel Moreland (Headteacher)

Governors generally hold their office for a period of four years at a time. During this time they are expected to attend training courses and briefings on a comprehensive range of topics provided by AfC Ltd and the Diocese of Westminster.

Governors provide challenge and support with a focus on three core strategic functions:

- a. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- b. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- c. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.”

Meetings of the Full Governing Body are held at least once a term. The Governing Body also has committees and working parties:

Curriculum & Achievement Committee

The members of this committee are:

Mrs Domini Bingham - Chair
Mr Sean Carey
Mr Guy Elliott
Mrs Brenda Green
Fr Nigel Griffin
Mr Louis Harrison
Mrs Clare Jones
Ms Christina Lingeman
Mrs Deb Long
Mrs Carmel Moreland
Mr Sean McAlinden
Mr Fearghal Nash
Mrs Hazel Taylor

Resources Committee

The members of this committee are:

Mr Gary Cole – Chair
Mrs Kate Courtney-Taylor
Mr Guy Elliott
Mrs Brenda Green
Mr Louis Harrison
Mrs Clare Jones
Mrs Deb Long
Mr Sean McAlinden
Mrs Carmel Moreland

Admissions & Appeals Committee

The members of this committee are:

Mr Sean Carey – Chair
Mr Bob King
Mrs Annette Collins
Mrs Deb Long
Mrs Brenda Green
Mrs Carmel Moreland

Pay & Personnel

The members of this committee are:

Mrs Deb Long – Chair
Mr Bob King
Mrs Hazel Taylor
Mrs Carmel Moreland

Performance Management of the Headteacher

Members of this committee are:

Mrs Domini Bingham
Mrs Deb Long
Mrs Hazel Taylor

Correspondence for the governors may be addressed to the Clerk to the Governing Body at the school. The clerk is Mrs Gaynor Nicholl.