

## SS Simon and Jude Local Governing Body Statement 2014/15

### **Work the Local Governing Body has undertaken during the academic year 2014/15 includes:**

As part of the Link Governor roles, Governors have held regular meetings with staff in school linked to English (as identified on the SIP for 2014/15), SEND, impact of the Pupil Premium Funding and the curriculum provision in school. Records of the meetings are held centrally in school and shared with the Governing Body during the termly meetings.

The Governors in 2014/15 approved the building works needed to facilitate the new nursery unit. Governors were involved in the design process for the building works and during the year, the Chair and other governors came into school to see the build in action. The Chair also met with the Head of School to discuss the Health and Safety of all pupils during the building works.

Governors also approved a new sandwich bar for Key Stage 2 pupils. The Vice-Chair of the LGB spent time with the catering staff looking at the school meal provision – a report to Governors was given following this visit. This has allowed for greater choice for the pupils, a faster lunchtime turnaround, and an overall better lunchtime experience for the pupils.

Reverend Bob Horrocks and Reverend Sarah Fletcher have been heavily involved in the worship curriculum – leading worship in school and contributing to the Ethos and Ethics Committee.

Following an audit of current skills, the LGB elected to co-opt a new Governor to complement the existing Governing body – the Governor has a particular strength in primary curriculum provision and assessment, to help guide governors through the latest changes and be able to hold the Head of school to account effectively.

The Chair of the LGB has attended the MAT Directors meetings and fed back to the LGB. The Chair of Governors attended Primary Partnership Forum Meetings in February and June 2015 and also Chairs Briefing in May 2015. Chair of Governors fed back to Liz Peacock, Head of School. One of the outcomes from the feedback is the 'Impact Statement'. The annual MAT training event was held at St Helens Rugby Club – this was for all staff in each of the MAT schools as well as all Governors.

At the request of the Ethos and Ethics Committee, the School Council has successfully completed an action plan linked to Fair Trade – this was presented to the Ethos and Ethics Committee during the Spring Term meeting. The Chair of the Ethos and Ethics Committee was also keen to develop further links with the local faith groups. Through this committee, Year 5 participated in the Faith Trail round the local community – this work was then fed back to the committee via the Y5 class teacher. Work has also begun on the forthcoming SIAMS inspection due in 2016.

Governors have also been evaluating how effective the school is in the use of the Pupil Premium Funding and monitoring the impact of how this money is spent. The Chair of Governors met with the SENCo to discuss this prior to the LGB.

The final Governing Body meeting of the academic year is always held during the school day – Governors took the opportunity to spend time in lessons looking at teaching and learning, talking to pupils and then having lunch with staff. This year there was a particular emphasis on maths and English teaching across school, linked to the new National Curriculum.

As well as the above, Governors have also been involved in:

- Setting targets and monitoring progress termly
- Monitoring attendance levels and agreeing strategies for improving attendance
- Ensuring school fulfils child safeguarding procedures
- Staffing complement for the new academic year

Next year, work will be linked to:

- Development of the Nursery Unit
- Deepening Governor knowledge around assessment and the removal of levels
- Reviewing the skillset of the Local Governing Body