

GOVERNANCE

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wallasey, is a Voluntary Aided School in the trusteeship of the Diocese of Shrewsbury and is an exempt charity for advancing the Catholic religion in the Diocese by such means as the Bishop thinks fit and proper.

The Instrument of Government states that the school was founded by and is part of the Catholic Church. The School is to be conducted as a Catholic School in accordance with Canon Law and the teachings of the Catholic Church.

The governing board reconstituted on 1 May 2015. A new Instrument of Governance came into effect on 15 June 2015. The governing board consists of 12 governors with seven foundation governors; two parent governors; one head teacher; one staff governor; and one local authority governor.

THE COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING BOARD 2015/16

Apart from the local authority governor, the membership was completed on 7 October 2015 when a new Foundation Governor and two Parent Governors joined the governing board. The governing board appointed an Associate Governor with full voting rights as a member of the Standards Committee.

There have been no changes in membership of the Governing Board in 2015/16.

The governing board set out the eligibility criteria for a local authority governor and presented this to the Local Authority with a request to nominate a person who meets the criteria. The position has remained unfilled to date.

THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR 2015/16

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS	ELEANOR ALLMAN
VICE CHAIR	STEPHEN DAINTY

No.	Category	Name	Term expires
	FOUNDATION	ELEANOR ALLMAN	31.08.2016
	FOUNDATION	ROSELEEN AUSTIN	31.08.2017
	FOUNDATION	PETER CLARKE	31.08.2018
	FOUNDATION	STEPHEN DAINTY	31.08.2019
	FOUNDATION	DAVID LONG	31.08.2019
	FOUNDATION	TARA MURRAY	31.08.2017
	FOUNDATION	DENIS TORPEY	31.08.2019
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	STAFF	KATHRYN VERNON	Ex-officio
	STAFF	MARTIN McGOVERN	31.08.2016
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	PARENT	KATHRYNNE QUIRK	31.08.2019
	PARENT	JOHN-PAUL HIGGINS	31.08.2019

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1	ASSOCIATE	ANGELA LYNCH	31.08.2019
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THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNING BODY

The main duties and responsibilities of the Governing Board are –

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
- overseeing the financial performance of the school, and making sure its money is well spent.

GOVERNORS' COMMITTEES

The Governing Board delegates some of its statutory functions to three Committees.

Each Committee meets at least once a term and reports to the governing body on its work and any action taken or decisions made.

Working in partnership with the Headteacher -

The Standards Committee is responsible for monitoring the quality and delivery of the national curriculum and the impact on standards and pupils' achievements; the arrangements for safeguarding children and promoting their welfare; reviewing the provision made for and monitoring the progress and attainments of looked after children; and for overseeing the personal development and wellbeing of the pupils and the staff.

The Chair of the Standards Committee is Eleanor Allman.

The Finance, Health and Safety and Premises Committee is responsible for monitoring the school's budget, financial policies and procedures; the school's assets, premises and grounds; and health and safety.

The Chair of the Finance Committee is the Reverend David Long.

The Personnel and Pay Committee is responsible for determining and reviewing the school's staffing complement ensuring that the staffing structure meets the needs of the school, and for implementing the Whole School Pay Policy.

The Chair of the Personnel and Pay Committee is Eleanor Allman.

There are two Statutory Committees.

The First Committee meets as and when required to deal with staff and pupil disciplinary matters, dismissals and redundancies and complaints.

The Second Committee meets as and when required to deal with appeals against the decisions of the First Committee.

Each member of the Governing Body, with the exception of the Headteacher, the staff governor, and anyone employed at the school, is a named member of the First Committee or the Second Committee.

GOVERNORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/15**FULL GOVERNING BODY**

[Key: √ = present. ■□□□absent]

Name	09.10.2014	02.12.2014	18.03.2015	10.06.2015
Mrs E Allman	√	√	√	√
Mrs K Vernon	√	√	√	√
Mrs R Austin	■	√	√	√
Mr P Clarke	√	√	√	√
Mr S Dainty	√	LA Second- ment ceased.	√	√
Fr D Long	√	√	√	√
Mr M McGovern	√	√	√	√
Mrs T Murray	■	√	√	■
Mr K Powell	■	√	√	
Mrs S Johnson	■	√	■	Term ended 01.05.2015.
Mrs J Mills	√	Resigned		
Mrs S O'Rourke	■	■	Resigned	
Mrs R Thornton	■	√	Resigned	

FINANCE, PREMISES, HEALTH & SAFETY

NAME	20.11.2014	05.03.2015	19.05.2015
Mrs E Allman	√	√	√
Mrs K Vernon	√	√	√
Mr P Clarke	?	■	√
Mr S Dainty	√	√	■
Rev. D Long	√	√	√
Mrs T Murray	?	■	■

JOINT FINANCE/PERSONNEL

NAME	14.07.2015
Mrs E Allman	√
Mrs K Vernon	√
Mr P Clarke	√
Mr S Dainty	■
Rev. D Long	√
Mrs T Murray	√

PERSONNEL AND PAY

NAME	05.02.2015	21.04.2015
Mrs E Allman	√	√
Mrs K Vernon	√	√
Rev. D Long	√	√

STANDARDS [CURRICULUM]

NAME	03.03.2015	28.04.2015
Mrs E Allman	√	√
Mrs K Vernon	√	√
Mrs R Austin	√	√
Mr M McGovern	√	√
Mr K Powell	√	√

There were no meetings of the two statutory committees in 2014/15.