

## St Patrick's CE School

### Vision statement

We want every child to feel valued and cared for and to understand that they are special to God, so that they can explore the world confidently, showing tolerance and respect towards others and with all the knowledge and skills needed to have a fulfilling life.

### Governor Impact Statement

The role of the Governing Body is to support St Patrick's School to continue to provide a friendly and engaging environment where children actively want to learn. Governors come from a wide variety of backgrounds, bringing different skills with them. Our aim is to ensure that all children are given the opportunity to reach their full potential, both academically and socially and are part of a successful caring and learning community that prepares them for the future.

### The key issues for the governing body

- a) The governors make decisions about the school's budget. We oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent. In consultation with the Headteacher we target resources to areas that will best help your children achieve their full potential.
- b) We look at data and evidence and analyse the educational progress and achievement of the children. The governors hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the children. We work with the Headteacher and staff and look at ways to ensure that all your children achieve the best they can.
- c) Governors have responsibility, together with the Headteacher, to ensure that all your children while in school are as safe as they can possibly be and that health and safety and safeguarding provision are of the best. We make sure the school buildings are welcoming and safe and that all necessary safety checks are carried out.
- d) The governors, Headteacher and staff continue to work as a team to ensure the key issues from Ofsted are prioritised to improve the quality of provision and further develop the outcomes of children across the school
- e) Governors are closely involved with the self-evaluation process of SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) and we meet regularly with the Headteacher to discuss this process.
- f) Governors assist the Headteacher in the appointment of staff.
- g) The governors hold the school to account and generally assist and support the leadership and management of the school.

h) We are involved with all school improvement projects. Governors are involved with the impact that the building of over 100 new houses in Endmoor will have on the school. This includes the building of a new classroom for the school, which will benefit all the children.

i) Governors are closely involved with the Pre-school/ Nursery as a governor-led nursery. We liaise with the Headteacher and staff to ensure there are strong links between the nursery and the rest of the school and that the nursery children have a smooth transition into Reception class.

j) Governors continue to maintain strong links within the local community.

We are a Church of England school with strong links to St Patrick's Church where we also celebrate major Christian festivals, in which the children lead the worship. We are also part of the family of church schools in the Carlisle Diocese. It is a privilege to work together as a team who all want the best opportunities within the school by having the children at the heart of all the decisions that are made.

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Chair of Governors

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