



# Governing Body Annual Statement September 2023

## Review of the 2022-3 Academic year

The Governing Body continues to monitor the school via full Governing Body meetings, subject reviews, judging the Art Trophy, attending parent consultations, and attending end of year shows and church services. The Chair of Governors meets weekly with the HT.

This annual statement is part of that evaluation and publication process.

## The Governing Body – 2022 -23

The Governing Body comprises of 11 governors: 6 Foundation Governors and 5 Representative Governors. All governors are volunteers and offer a wide range of skills and experience.

Below is a list of the current Governing Body and we record thanks to Rev Ian Crofts, Ms Harika Icoz and Ms Natalie Keane who generously gave their time as a Governors. We thank them for their service.

### Foundation Governors

1 of the Foundation Governors is a nominee of the London Diocesan Board for Schools (LDBS), 1 is a nominee of the Enfield Deanery Synod and 3 are from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Jesus Church.

Mrs Ruth Moore (Chair)	Enfield Deanery
Mrs Zoey Dickson	PCC
Ms Sue Hammet	PCC
Mr Tom Addey	PCC
Ms Laila Barbe	LDBS

### Representative Governors

The Representative Governors include 1 Local Authority (LA) 2 elected parent governors and 1 elected staff governor. The Headteacher is also part of the Governing Body, ex officio.

Mr Richard Eckles	Elected parent
Dr Jane Valentine (Vice Chair)	Elected parent
Mrs Susie Munt	Elected staff (from May 23)
Mr Reece Fox	Local Authority (from April 23)
Ms Jonquil Izard	Ex officio - HT
Mrs Lauren Saunders	Ex officio - DHT

Clerk to the Governors

Mrs Anna Keelan BSc (Hons) DipSBM

### Function of the Governing Body

The Governors of the school provide strategic leadership and accountability and make an important contribution to the school's wellbeing and effectiveness.

As the Governing Body, we have four core functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction.
2. Holding the headteacher and Senior Management Team to account for the educational performance of the school, its pupils, and the performance management of the staff.
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and ensuring that the budget is spent effectively.
4. Realising a shared Christian vision for the school

## The Governing Body

The Governing Body has extensive knowledge from different walks of life, both educational and non-educational. This ensures a wide scope of challenge and accountability for the leadership and management of the school.

The Governing Body take a keen interest in the curriculum provided by the teaching staff, bettering their understanding by participating in subject reviews, talking to staff and pupils and gathering information from books and learning taking place in the classroom.

The Governing Body has five (5) meetings per annum as a Full Governing Body, where we hear a comprehensive report from Ms Izard about the school, as well as committees to review pay and performance of staff, the Vision, Values and Christian Distinctiveness of the School, Admissions, School Finance and Premises.

## Staffing

The Governors believe that the quality of teaching staff is integral to the improvement of standards. The Headteacher and her senior leadership team, sometimes accompanied by representatives from the LDBS have conducted a series of lesson observations and learning walks throughout the academic year and judge the teaching and learning in the school to be consistently good or better. The 2023 subject data reflects this.

Ms Natalie Keane left the school in July, after 4 years leading the EYFS. We thank her for the contribution she made to the school.

Ms Laura Gaughan moved on to pastures new in July.

We are fortunate to have a very hard-working team of staff, throughout the school, with a full staff complement to start 2023/4

## Curriculum

The Governing Body is fully supportive of the school's vision and values and committed to working with the leadership team to create a fulfilled, healthy, and successful learning environment for each and every child at the school. Mathematics, Reading, and Writing continues to be a strength of the school, as well as the outstanding Religious Education (RE) provision. Rev'd Mandy James has been leading the school assembly, during the absence of a Vicar also visiting classes to support the RE agenda.

The Governing Body has been impressed with the wider curriculum at Forty Hill and particularly appreciates the impact it has on the pupils, both academically and emotionally.

We have supported the embedding of the Global Neighbours programme - this is an exciting focus on global issues and the local Reaching Out programme. We recognise how important it has been to take advantage of the environment surrounding the school which enables a very productive school garden and a weekly Forest school. When visiting the school, either for subject reviews, judging the Arts Trophy or school social events - it is wonderful to hear how confident the children ARE talking about the school, what they are learning and its core values.

## Governing Body focus for the 2023/4 academic year

The Governing body will continue to work closely with Ms Izard and her leadership team to support the implementation of the School Development Plan.

They will contribute to subject reviews, join in school activities, where appropriate, - giving an opportunity to see the school in action.

The governors can be contacted through the school office, via email ([office@fortyhill.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:office@fortyhill.enfield.sch.uk)), telephone (020 8363 0760) or letter.