

Summer Term 2023
Impact Statement



Dear Parents and Guardians

As I reflect on the past year, I am struck, as I have been since becoming a governor at St Peter's School, of the way in which its motto – 'Living Life in All Its Fulness' – continues to be embedded in all school life. It was picked out in the school's Ofsted report when we achieved our 'Good' status. As I am sure you will agree, a wonderful outcome reflecting the hard work and care taken by all in school life – school leaders, teachers, learning support assistants, administrative and support staff. This includes you, as parents and guardians, for the contribution that you have made also. I thank all of you for your determination to make the school a great place for your children to be.

As part of our annual governance programme, we review how well we are fulfilling our core functions as governors, the culture and practice of the board, how well we meet our statutory responsibilities and the impact that we make. In addition, we carry out an annual audit of the skills of the governing body to identify any gaps that we might wish to address when new governors are appointed. We seek to fulfil our roles well for the benefit of the school and its stakeholders.

The school is fully staffed for the next year, with the governors playing a role in the process to ensure that we have the right experience and skill set to achieve our objectives. All governors have been trained in safer recruitment to ensure that we have staff who have the best interests of the children at heart.

In addition, the governors have been active in visiting staff and children to monitor curriculum standards with all governors having a specific curriculum responsibility. A great example has been the governor lead for music organising collaborative workshops with students from Salesian College and also co-leading the end-of-year concert with involvement from the College and Wavell School.

The homework consultation that took place during the year received good support from you, as parents. This was led by the governors, resulting in the new homework policy, which now sets out the progression from Year 3 to Year 6 more clearly.

As a governing body, we take our responsibilities for safeguarding our children seriously. I have attended special training for headteachers and chairs of governors run by Hampshire County Council and all governors are aware of their roles. We have a specific, safeguarding governor who meets regularly with the headteacher to oversee how our policies are being implemented. Earlier in the year, we carried out a 'lockdown' practice for the children to help prepare them for emergency events, with another session planned for this coming year.

In July, we were very proud to be awarded the Community Impact Award by Hampshire Education for the contribution that the children have made to the elderly in the parish through the 'Meet and Eat' events. It was fantastic to see all involved being recognised publicly for this.

I am sure you will also be aware that managing school budgets is a challenge. This year we have balanced the school budget through careful management and have a plan in place with Hampshire County Council to return the school to a surplus. We are grateful to the local authority for its advice,

help and support in helping to achieve this aim. Of course, we must not forget the excellent work that the Friends of St Peter's School (FOSP) have carried out this year, contributing over £8,000 to school projects. As many of the FOSP team stand down this year, we would encourage you to get involved in planning and supporting school events.

Our governing body is not currently at full strength. We would love to see the parent governor roles filled this year. We will shortly be asking for nominations for parents to stand for the governing body. It is an exciting time to help shape the future of the school and we welcome any expressions of interest. Just contact the school office if you would like an informal chat.

I look forward to the new school year with excitement as we continue to develop the life-chances of the young people in our charge.

Your sincerely



Graham Hudson
Chair of Governors

Vision and Strategic Objectives for the School

We will be an inclusive Church school where we celebrate and welcome children and families of the Christian faith, other faiths and none.

We will be a beacon in the centre of the community delivering high-quality pastoral care for our staff, children and families in a positive, nurturing and caring environment.

We will be a centre of excellence, collaborating with other schools and organisations for the mutual benefit of our school and community.

We want every child to be able to ordinary things in extraordinary ways – living life in all its fullness.