

St Martin's Church of England Primary School

Governing Board Report 2021/22 – Introduction from the Chair

The Governing Board for St Martin's wants to provide a clear and concise outline of what we have achieved between September 2021 and July 2022 and hope these two documents allow you to see that. Each Governing Board is required to complete an Annual Impact Statement and ours is attached. It is a lengthy statement, but I trust it is easy to read. It contains loads of information that demonstrates what we have done over the past eleven months.

You will read our conclusions that everyone at the school continues to do a great job providing our children with a good education whilst supporting their individual needs. The school has continued to grow in size and in complexity, and we feel Mrs Harvey and the entire school staff are developing their approaches to reflect what comes as a result. Our financial situation has been secure over the last two years, and we wait eagerly to see what happens as we approach 2023/24. This has enabled Mrs Harvey and her team to provide a high level of support, and this has been needed as many children continue to be affected by the consequences of various lockdowns and reduced social interaction. The school is forward looking and continually explores what can be improved upon. The new website and updated curriculums are good evidence of that.

Our views of the school are based on numerous visits to the school, reviewing data, meetings with staff, observation of different school activities, conversations with children and detailed conversations with the leadership team. We continue to have a good relationship with staff at the school, but our key focus is on what is best for all of the children at our school, so we are not afraid to ask relevant and robust questions.

I believe the Board continues to support Mrs Harvey and her staff, discussing how to operate the school, providing support and advice, checking on welfare and valuing the work being undertaken. There have been numerous meetings, through video calls and personal contact.

The school has a detailed plan for 2022/23 and the Board has confidence that the school will provide an outstanding overall education for our children.

We are always on the look out for new governors to enrich what we do. If you have an interest and want to know what being a governor entails, please contact me on the email below.

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