

# THE FEDERATION OF ST. ANNE'S & ST. MARTIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

*Learning to live by faith and to be known by love*



**St Anne's  
Catholic  
Primary School**



**St Martin's Catholic  
Primary School**

## Welcome from Governors

A warm **welcome to all the new families** who have joined our schools this term, and welcome **as well to all the new members of staff** across the Federation. It is wonderful to have you join our community which is focused on providing an inspiring education rooted in Gospel values.

## Governing Body Role

St Anne's and St Martin's are both run by a single governing body, made up of volunteers. Together, we are legally accountable for the schools to the diocese and local authority, and oversee that both schools are running effectively and efficiently. We do this in a number of ways, working alongside headteachers to provide strategic guidance and support.

## School Priorities for 2022/2023

Each school has its own School Development Plan, approved by the Governing Body. These plans consider various elements, i.e. staff feedback, academic results, financial aspects, and parent, diocese and local authority feedback. Whilst each plan rightly focuses on the specific needs of its respective school, there are broad themes, including efforts to further enhance progress in RE, EYFS provision, reading & writing and quality of teaching.

## Profile of schools in the community

One of the key areas of focus for each school continues to be increasing our profile in the local area with a view to increasing admissions. With this in mind, if you know anyone who would like to visit our schools, do let them know of the **upcoming open days on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10 am/Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2 pm (St Martin's) and on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September and 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am (St Anne's)**. With additional dates can on the school websites or parents can contact the schools to **schedule an individual appointment**.

## Board of Governor Update

On 13<sup>th</sup> September we held our first Full Governing Board meeting of the year. **Lucy Ring stood down as Chair of Governors**. We would like to thank Lucy for her hard work over the past five years (not least her chairing of the board throughout the COVID-19 pandemic) and her continued commitment to the federation community. Lucy will continue on the board as a foundation governor through the end of September 2023 **and would like to share the following message:**

- I have decided to step down as Chair of the Federation of St Anne's and St Martin's Governing Body after five busy years as Chair. I have greatly enjoyed being part of both communities over the last few years and am looking forward to watching both schools grow over the coming years.
- I would like to thank all staff, parents and carers for their continued support for both schools and for the governing body.

**Yasmin Sanchez-Pearson** was appointed as the **new Chair of Governors**; she has been a governor for 8 years and Vice Chair for 2 years. She looks forward to continuing to support the schools and their respective communities. **Hilary Smart** was appointed as **Vice Chair**. John Webb has stepped down as a governor and we would like to thank him for his service to both schools.

## Upcoming Events

Please come along and chat to governors at the upcoming **parents' evenings on Tues 28<sup>th</sup>/Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> November (St Annes) and Monday 9<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> October (St Martin's)**. Until then, we wish all the children, families, carers and staff a delightful start to the to the autumn term.

*Thank you from the Federation  
of St Anne's & St Martin's  
Governing Body*

