



St Michael's CE Primary School

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Cultivating Respect, Persevering, and Learning with Courage

14th December 2021

Dear Staff, Volunteers, Parents and Carers,

The Governing Full Board met on 13th December 2021 for their last meeting of 2021. At the meeting the minutes of our November 2021 meeting were approved and are available on the [Governor Page of the school website](#) along with other useful information about governance.

At our meeting governors reflected on the significant achievements of the school including:

- Incredible hard work and dedication of the leadership team and colleagues to ensure that despite the pandemic, our children were happy and continued to learn. A special thanks was mentioned to Rainbow School, where staff continued to come in during lockdown to support 42 pupils.
- Governors have seen lots of evidence (including the voice of staff and pupils) which shows that the school is thriving and vibrant and our pupils are happy in their learning
- Our pupil numbers are increasing, and we have a very positive reputation in the community
- Significant work to ensure our school is distinctive as a church school including developing our values and ethos and ensuring it is the golden thread running through everything the school does.
- Positive and impactful community engagement and support
- Good attendance levels despite the pandemic
- Exceptional pastoral care provided to our pupils
- The Leadership Team being champions for our pupils, going above and beyond to ensure our most vulnerable pupils are safeguarded despite at times, the lack of external support.

Governors are clear that the success of our school is a whole community effort and so would like to thank all staff and volunteers for their incredible hard work and dedication this year in keeping our children safe and ensuring that they continued to learn and develop despite the pandemic. Governors would also like to thank parents and carers for their patience, help and support in following the COVID guidelines and restrictions, which has made a tremendous difference.

We are also looking for a new parent governor - this is a great opportunity to join the Governing Board and make a real difference to our pupils as well as developing transferable skills and knowledge. To find out more about the opportunity and to apply or nominate a parent, please visit [the Governor Page of the school website](#)). We will also be holding an online open session in January where you can come along and learn more about the governor role. Individual governors will welcome an initial enquiry about the role of the parent governor and the governing body if you wish to contact them directly.

This was also my last meeting as Chair of Governors and Governor of the school. After 2 years in post, it is time (as planned) for me to handover over and move on to supporting other schools. From January 2022 Robin Conway and Nick Field will be your new Co-Chairs of Governors (you can read their profiles on the [Governor Page of the school website](#)). The last 2-years have been a real privilege for me I am so proud of the journey our school has been on, where we are today and the bright future ahead. I wish the school well for the future and will keep a keen eye on the school's future successes.



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I hope you all have a great Christmas/end of year (if you do not celebrate Christmas) and a happy New Year!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Moyes', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors