



# St Peter's Catholic School



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## *Faith is our Foundation*

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Dear Parents,

### **Message from the Governors**

The Board of Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank the leadership team and all the staff at St Peter's for their hard work, continued support and dedication during the impact of COVID-19 on our children's education.

We would also like to thank you for your support and focus on your child's education especially during this difficult time. You have been the example of strength and resilience to your children who have looked to you during this time of crisis.

We have helped to create a place of sanctuary in our homes and in our school during this period of uncertainty. Of course, neither you nor the school had a manual that could be extracted from the shelf, dusted down and apply logical solutions to this once in a lifetime event. What our children did have was a warm welcoming environment that tolerated difficulty and supported effort, that exemplified best practice whilst recognising individual restraints, that provided a clear commitment to the wellbeing of each child within the bubble of our wider community. Our children have persevered and worked through the last eighteen months. This will shape their character, their resolve, their future.

The fundamental disciplines of our faith have provided an ethos that runs through our families into the school and back into our homes. That ethos has shaped our curriculum, supported our teaching and determined the most successful outcome for each pupil. Our focus on the development of the whole child and not just academic excellence introduces into our society accomplished adults, confidence underpinned by a faith that provides a framework which supports the best possible outcomes for our children.

For the Board of Governors to be effective, members should have a wide and varied set of skills. It is also essential that prospective governors come armed with a passion for hard work, team spirit, a sense of humour and a requisite dose of common sense!

To be eligible to be a Parent Governor, you must have a child attending St Peter's School at the time of election. All parents are entitled to vote; however, parents are not allowed to stand for election if:



- They work at St Peter's for more than 500 hours in any school year (i.e. for more than one third of the hours of a full time equivalent);
- They are an elected member of the Local Authority

Commitments include: a four year term of office, attendance at meetings of both the full Governing Board (once per term) and your particular Committee (minimum half termly), 1-2 training seminars per year, plus attending other meetings as required (usually during school hours) e.g. appointments and discipline meetings.

If you would like to know more about the role of a governor at St Peter's, please get in contact with me through the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs J Pate on [clerk@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk).

### **How to apply**

If you are interested in applying for the role, please select [this link](#) and submit your application, Closing date for nominations is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 **at 9am**

Please also include a brief factual statement about yourself, describing in no more than 500 words, the skills you can bring to the Board if elected. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, an election will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we need to do this.

The successful applicants will be expected to undertake a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check for safeguarding reasons.

If you have any queries about this process, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Pate at [clerk@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk)

Finally, many parents have contacted us about forming a new parent, teacher and pupil association that can support the school and our community. If you are interested in being involved, please send an email to [ptp@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:ptp@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk)

We wish you a happy, healthy summer break and look forward to working with you in support of the school in September.

Best wishes,

Gerard Dufficy  
Chair of Governors