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Local Governing Committee

Friday 5th October 2018

Dear parents and carers,

As we start the new school year as part of the Assisi Catholic Trust (ACT), the members of our Local Governing Committee (LGC) are Damian Dillon, David Hart, Julie Herridge, Loretta Hill, Peter O'Kane, Maria Peddle, Simone O'Shaughnessy and Pamela Wall.

We had a meeting recently and I was appointed as Chair with Maria Peddle agreeing to be my Vice Chair. I am very grateful to all our committee members for their willingness to continue as a governor and to be part of the LGC. We are still feeling our way as an academy, but a lot of our tasks are like those we completed as a Governing Body. This first meeting of the academic year was taken up with ratification and/or reviewing of policies and with delegation of functions to individuals and groups of governors for different areas of school life. We all signed a code of conduct which confirms our overarching responsibility to comply with our legal and canonical duty to ensure that the Catholic character of the Academy is preserved and developed and that this duty permeates everything that we do.

We have three core strategic functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of Catholic vision, ethos and strategic direction.
2. Holding the appropriate senior leadership within the Academy to account for the educational performance and Catholic character of the Academy and its pupils; and for the internal organisation, management and control of the academy, including performance management of staff.
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the Academy and making sure its money is well spent.

A lot of changes are taking place behind the scenes as we settle into the Assisi Catholic Trust (ACT) and as part of that Trust we are obliged to complete important actions within a timeframe regarding finance, budgets and resources. At the same time the school day, and all the planning and resources needed for that to run smoothly, must continue as usual. My thanks go to all the staff for their continued commitment and good humour during this time of change.

Between now and our next meeting in November, the governors with delegated functions and/or part of a working party will meet with senior leadership and visit the school. I will write again after the LGC meeting in November.

Thank you for your support of our school and your understanding as we settle into the Assisi Catholic Trust.

With best wishes,

Julie Herridge

Chair – LGC

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