

Westminster Cathedral Roman Catholic Primary School

Founded By The Jesuit Fathers Circa 1849



Headteacher: Mrs A Stacey

5th November 2018

Dear parents/ carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are the elected co-Chairs of Governors for Westminster Cathedral Primary School along with Father Pat as our Vice Chair. Seb Wallace has been serving as a Governor at our school since March 2017 and Will Kenney has been serving as a Governor since July 2015. We are both looking forward to working with Mrs Stacey, the other governing body members and the whole school community to continue to keep WCPS the special place that is and together to strive to continue to improve the school to ensure that all pupils enjoy an environment where they can flourish and fulfil their potential.

In September, Mrs Stacey wrote to you about the importance of the School's Governors Fund. We would like to thank the families who have already contributed towards this fund.

Westminster Cathedral Primary School is a voluntary aided (VA) Church School which means that we get a certain amount of funding from our diocese. Our VA status means that we as governors, on behalf of the school are responsible for making sure that the school is up to date with its maintenance and facilities. This of course includes some considerable expense. We have to provide 10% of the cost of all capital projects and major maintenance. We can also use the Governors fund to pay for smaller projects that have a direct benefit to the children. In recent years the Governor Fund was used towards:

- The new school gates - 2018
- The refurbishment of the school including school lockers - 2016
- The playground surface – 2015

We are currently budgeting to use the Governors Fund to:

- Update the school's computer servers
- Update the school's ICT equipment
- Replacing classroom furniture
- Re-organising the office area and entrance to the school

To meet these costs, each year we ask parents to contribute to the Governors' Fund. This development fund is vital to continuing the upgrading of the school facilities. Once again, we are grateful to the families who have already contributed, this is duly noted. We ask for a donation of at least £30 per family to contribute to this fund. We are aiming for all the families to make a contribution this year allowing us to continue with our projects. The upgrading of the ICT equipment in school, for example, has been put on hold these past couple of years while we wait for sufficient funds – please, by contributing at least £30 we will be able to do this more quickly.

Thank you for your contribution which will make a real difference to our school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Wallace and Mr W Kenney
(Chairs of Governors)

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