

Communication with Governors or Parent Council – Silver – Module 4

'Senior leaders and governors have a total, fully focused and professional commitment to run the school as an outstanding Catholic community'.

'The head teacher, senior management, governors and the head of Religious Education all share and execute this philosophy in a consistent and determined way'

'The pro-active governors are kept fully aware of the work of the department thanks to the close involvement of the link governor who visits the school regularly, attends lessons and whose pastoral work is much appreciated by staff and pupils. The chair of governors himself is well informed about curriculum Religious Education in particular and the school's religious life in general'.

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF CURRICULUM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

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'Governance is outstanding. Governors are fully involved in the life of the school and play an active role in supporting and challenging school management...'

The extent to which governors and other supervisory boards discharge their responsibilities - Grade 1 Outstanding

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Since the last inspection St Monica's has moved from grade 2 to grade 1 for governance of the school. The governors of St Monica's are involved in every aspect of school life; involved in the running of the school on a day to day basis; they are involved in finance, staffing, discipline and health and safety amongst other areas (see committee list).

Governors are involved in every appointment to the school and they are involved with every department in setting improvement targets for the following academic year. Each department is linked with a member of the governing body and they meet at least annually to review and discuss any issues arising from the SIP. The governors are fully involved in setting appropriate targets for the school and are involved in making decisions related to the SEF based on their understanding and experiences of the school by being linked to departments, discussions with staff and consideration of student voice and input from both pupil and parent questionnaire.

The governing body meets regularly as a full committee and sub-committees will meet in addition to this when appropriate, there have also been occasions when an 'extraordinary' meeting has been called when it has been necessary to discuss or consider further issues which may affect the pupils at St Monica's. The governors are a supportive body which acts as a 'critical friend'; the governors are thorough and focussed in their monitoring and management of the school.

The governing body is made up of the management of the school alongside members of local clergy, teachers, parents, the Local Education Authority and members of business including HSBC.

St Monica's PTFA are outstanding and are fully committed to the school and its pupils in raising funds to help to support their learning across the curriculum. The PTFA meet at least each term and are fully involved in decisions about in which areas the money raised by them will be spent. The PTFA (Parents Teachers and Friends Association) has only recently been known as such (as opposed to previously PTA) due to the fact that there were members who wished to support the school even after their pupils had left - of course St Monica's was delighted!

Both the PTFA and the Governors are supportive of the school in other areas and attendance at events such as Prize giving, Advent Services and Autumn Fairs for example is testament to their overall commitment and support. Both members of the PTFA and Governing body of the school may receive the school newsletter on a weekly basis by email.