

**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of
Our Lady of the Rosary RCVA Primary School 2016**

School Vision/Mission Statement

God is at the centre of our lives and at the heart of everything we do.

The Governing Body of Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School has a strong focus on its three core strategic functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governance arrangements

The Governing Body of Our Lady of the Rosary was re-constituted and approved by the Diocese on April 1st 2015 and Consists of the following; 7 Foundation Governors , 2 Parent Governors, 1 Head Teacher, 1 Staff Governor and 1 Local Authority Governor.

The full Governing body meet at least once each term, and each Governor has specific areas of the school on which to focus, such as finance, premises and curriculum and these sub- committees meet as and when necessary each term.

Key Issues faced and addressed by the Governing Body

During the academic year 2015-16 the issues addressed by the Governing Body were;

To continue the ongoing process of Governor development and education to allow us to support the Head Teacher and staff in their constant drive to improve standards within the school while empowering us to challenge and discuss any issues which may concern us.

To be involved in the monitoring process of the teaching

	<p>standards and outcomes within the school during a period in which the methods of monitoring and measuring those results have changed considerably.</p> <p>To have been involved in the recruitment, interview and appointment of new members of our teaching staff as well as the internal appointment of our new Early Years Leader.</p>
<p>Assessment of Impact</p>	<p>The impact of the Governors time and effort cannot be measured other than by the evidence provided from within the school itself.</p> <p>The standard of teaching within the school is good with elements of outstanding.</p> <p>The SATs results show that the pupil progress within the school is in line with the national averages.</p> <p>The pupil numbers within the school are increasing and we expect that trend to continue now that provision has been made to accommodate 2 year olds in the nursery.</p>
<p>Future plans for the Governing Body</p>	<p>The future plan for the Governing Body is to continually improve our knowledge and understanding of the school, the staff and our roles as Governors in order to support all members of the staff in their efforts to maintain and improve standards while being prepared to challenge any areas of concern.</p>
<p>Contact Details</p>	<p>The Governing Body welcomes suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents/carers. Please contact the Chair of Governors c/o the school office.</p> <p>Details of the full Governing Body are on the school website.</p>