



## Governor Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017

### Letter from the Chair

To All at St Giles' and St Andrew's

Meetings, visits and talks continued throughout last term to discuss, draft and put forward our proposal to federate. Throughout the process the Governing Board has always been looking to ensure that this partnership will benefit the children and staff at both schools, now and for the future.

We have worked with Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Everard to ensure that we are doing all that we can to support everyone involved during this transition stage, very aware the extra workload this entails and to maximize the positive impact.

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, the Governing Boards of St. Giles' and St Andrew's met to discuss the comments raised during the proposal stage and, it was unanimously agreed by both Governing Boards that we would federate with some small amendments to the original proposal. Following comments received from the Diocese and the local PCC, it was agreed that the new federated Governing Board would be made up of representatives from both schools, with a total of 12 governors, three of which will be foundation governors. The federation was formally approved on September 1st, and our first federated governing board meeting will be held this month.

On behalf of the Governing Board I would like to thank all the staff, parents and children of both schools for their support and understanding both in the beginning of this process and now in this transitional stage.

I would also like to take this opportunity to praise all the Governors, past, present & future for their time, confidence, dedication, positive impact and forward thinking. You have challenged and tested this process with diligence and devotion.

I hope everyone had a happy summer and I look forward with enthusiasm to this year.

Thank you all again

Penny Doe

Chair of Governors

**If anyone has any comments or concerns that they would like to raise, you can contact me at [chair@governors.sggm.uk](mailto:chair@governors.sggm.uk)**

### Governor Monitoring Report (St Giles)

Last term we started looking at our monitoring process and how this affects the outcomes at St Giles. Feedback from governors is a part of the schools process for development and improvement and we are looking to deepen our understanding of the role we play in that, as well as extending the curriculum areas we focus on in visits.

Data has continued to be monitored, with a focus on the more able children to ensure there is sufficient challenge across all classes. We have also continued focusing on the impact of various intervention groups within the school which continue to have a very positive influence on those involved.

Apart from data and the curriculum, we also monitor other areas within the school including attendance, not just of pupils but of staff as well and we would like to commend all the teachers for their outstanding record of attendance throughout the year.