



## **Governor Newsletter Autumn 2023 (Issue 6)**

### **Message from Mike O'Donovan (Chairman)**

As another term comes to a close, it was a pleasure to welcome three new members to the Local Governing Committee. Mrs Uzma Mahmood joins us as a parent governor, Mr Kevin Peaston joins us as a foundation governor and Mr Jonathan Ray joins us as a parent governor.

I must express my thanks to Mrs Grossi and Mr Lisaka for setting up the CAFdonate system. This will make donations to our governor fund a lot easier for you.

Have a joyous Christmas break!

God Bless

Mike O'Donovan



### **Meet the Governors**

The school website has been updated with profiles about our governors. Please visit the below link to find out more about our governors:

<https://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Governors&pid=175>

### **What do the Governors do?**

As Governors we have a statutory obligation to ensure that the school is operating effectively and in line with legislative and educational requirements.

Our role is a strategic one, with three key functions:

- Alongside James Kibble (Chief Executive Officer of the Xavier Education Trust), holding the Head of School to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Mrs Grace (Head of School) is responsible for the internal organisation, management and control of the school and the implementation of the strategic framework established by the Local Governing Committee.



### Governor Activities during the Autumn Term

We very much enjoyed attending the Nativity performance last week, the children were a joy to watch and it provided a lovely start to the Christmas season.

We have also accompanied the children to a netball and football match, taking them in the school mini bus, and have met with Mr Davies to understand how science is taught at St Hugh. Further we have been delighted to attend some school masses, including the St Hughs Mass and year 6 commissioning service.

At the start of December we also attended a Mental Health and Wellbeing information session run by Mrs Pickard, Mrs Trundle and Mrs Sole. It was great to see how much the school cares for the children and all it does to look after and support them. There were lots of resources for parents/carers to look at and take away and the following websites provide excellent information:

Elsa Support:

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/category/free-resources/page/2/>

Parenting Smart:

[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles](#)

### Governors School Development Fund

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who make voluntary contributions to the Governors School Development Fund.

Our school development fund enables the school to develop both buildings and resources to provide the best education for our children. It is made up of voluntary donations from the parents of children at St Hugh, for the benefit of the children at the school. In the last five years, contributions have funded or part-funded exciting ventures such as our school minibus (used for trips and sporting events), our creation garden, computing facilities and swimming lessons.

It is really easy to make a donation. If you would like to donate online the CAF Donate account for the Governor's Fund can be viewed here:

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/24548#!/DonationDetails>

We would really appreciate it if you could in any way offer a small donation on a regular monthly basis or a one off payment, it would be so beneficial to our children.

If you are a UK tax payer your donation can be boosted by Gift Aid Boost (25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate), please see attached declaration form.

Thank you for your support



## Parent Engagement

Governors welcome your feedback and comments. We will be sending out a Parent and Carer engagement survey in the near future. In the meantime if you have any comments or feedback please email them to Mike O'Donovan  
[modonovan@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:modonovan@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk)

## Safeguarding

As part of his role as Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor Mike meets with Mrs Grace, the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead to undertake a termly review meeting of the school's safeguarding process. Mike O'Donovan can be contacted on the following email  
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