



**Learning together with God's love**

We aspire to be a happy, confident and caring community where children are motivated to flourish and achieve their full potential in a supportive learning environment, underpinned by a strong Christian ethos.

**Perseverance Aspiration Respect Teamwork**

1 John 4: 16 'God is love and those who love live in God, and God lives in them'.

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Governing Body of the school writes an annual governance statement which describes how we have fulfilled our responsibilities during the year.

Every year the governors work to fulfil three strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The Governing Body has an annual programme of meetings including termly meetings of the Full Governing Body to review strategic decisions and two committees: Teaching, Learning & Ethos and Resources, which review aspects of the running of the school in more depth. In addition, governors conduct monitoring visits with individual teachers and the Headteacher which are carefully planned to ensure that we fulfil our statutory obligations as well as support and challenge the school to continuously improve. Governor attendance at all meetings is very good, with meetings taking place either virtually or in-person. We have never had to cancel a meeting because it was not 'quorate' (the number of governors required to ensure that decisions can be made).

Governors review all policies on a rolling programme basis to ensure that all guidance is up to date. Special attention is paid to ensure that the school complies with the Department for Education's statutory policy list and the Local Authority and Diocese recommendations.

There are a number of key documents that the governors look at regularly which includes:

### **1. The School Development Plan**

This identifies the key priorities for the school to work on each year, which are decided by staff and governors every year. Governors monitor progress through regular visits to the school and receive reports from school leaders to ensure the improvements take place. Some of the improvements as a result of this year's plan include:

- Increased levels of attendance for vulnerable pupils, as this is vital to support children's education
- Improved writing stamina, by increasing children's use of exciting vocabulary and grammar, punctuation & spelling
- Improved mental health and wellbeing in the whole school community.

We are extremely proud of how the children have done this year, and for their resilience and determination to do well, despite the challenges we have all faced during the last few years.

The hard work put in by the children has certainly paid off; as Mrs MacGregor has shared with us all, this year's SATs results for Year 6 are fantastic, with pupils achieving significantly higher than national averages across the board. This is a huge credit to all the children, our teaching staff and all parents/carers for their support.

#### **Reading**

Key Stage 2	Holy Trinity SATs Results 2023	National SATs Results 2023
Age Related Expected Standard	94%	73%
Greater Depth Standard	61%	

#### **Writing**

Key Stage 2	Holy Trinity SATs Results 2023	National SATs Results 2023
Age Related Expected Standard	82%	71%
Greater Depth Standard	25%	

#### **Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling**

	Holy Trinity SATs Results 2023	National SATs Results 2023
Age Related Expected Standard	90%	72%
Greater Depth Standard	43%	

#### **Maths**

	Holy Trinity SATs Results 2023	National SATs Results 2023
Age Related Expected Standard	94%	73%
Greater Depth Standard	44%	

#### **Reading, Writing & Maths Combined**

	Holy Trinity SATs Results 2023	National SATs Results 2023
Age Related Expected Standard	77%	59%
Greater Depth Standard	23%	

In addition to the national results, recent in-house assessments have shown positive outcomes, with a high percentage of children achieving targets, particularly in Maths and Reading, where 77% of pupils have achieved Age Related Expectation (ARE) in Reading, including 29% at Greater Depth; and 74% have achieved ARE in Maths, with 25% at Greater Depth. In line with national reports, attainment in Writing for some year groups has dropped.

This information will be used to inform the school's priority areas for improvement in 2023-24, closely aligned with the School Vision and Curriculum Intent.

## **2. The Schools Financial Value Standard**

This document is a tool which helps the Governing Body to manage the school's budget wisely and properly, and is reviewed annually in detail by the Resources Committee and senior staff. The school is compliant in this area. Through careful management of the budget, Holy Trinity School remains in a stable financial position. The school team is constantly seeking ways to improve the school premises and resources within our budget and governors continually update the School's Strategic Spending Plan. The school is also in the fortunate position of being hugely supported by the enthusiastic efforts of the PTA, who provide additional funds to enhance pupils' learning and school experience. The governing body would like to extend our enormous gratitude to the PTA team and all the helpers that help to make this possible.

Several governors have left the Governing Body over the last twelve months, and we thank them for all their hard work and commitment over the years, in particular Janice Peek and Christine Davies who also served as Chairs of Governors. We have also welcomed some new governors and we hope that they will enjoy our school with its great team of staff and its wonderful children. If anyone would like to find out more about becoming a school governor, please do contact our clerk of governors via the school office or online ([vbrown@htprimary.co.uk](mailto:vbrown@htprimary.co.uk)).

We don't know what challenges the school will face in the next year, but the real dedication of the staff under the strong leadership of our Headteacher, supported by a committed Senior Leadership Team, gives us great confidence that the children will receive the best possible education and support for their well-being.

The priority of the governors is to ensure children are happy and motivated to flourish and achieve their full potential in a very good school, underpinned by its Christian ethos and values. Thank you to them and to the teachers, parents and carers who have supported them throughout. We know that they are all ready for the next stage of their learning journeys within Holy Trinity or on to secondary school.

We wish all of you and your families well over the summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Lindsay Smith, Chair of Governors, July 2023