



**The Interim Academy Board (IAB)
Information for parents/carers
November 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been another busy term for St Catherine's with all pupils returning to school in September. Attendance is excellent, thank you for encouraging your children back to school.

Our meetings last term included the following:

- Risk assessments for reopening of school
- Interventions to address gaps in pupil learning during lockdown
- School and Plymouth CAST strategies to support staff in delivering high quality teaching
- Remote learning provision
- Pupil Premium Strategy for disadvantaged pupils
- Wellbeing of pupils and staff
- Governor monitoring visits: Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs (SEND) and Religious Education.

We received documents from senior leaders outlining the plans in place to continue to move the school forward.

Parent Governor Vacancy

At the end of December, the IAB will finish and a new Local Governing Board (LGB) will convene in January 2021. The board needs to have at least four Foundation Governors appointed by the Bishop. This is in place and my IAB colleague Georgina Coombs has agreed to Chair the LGB from January 2021. Our next step is to recruit a parent governor to strengthen the LGB. Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. Further information is on the school website in the Governance section including Plymouth CAST's Governors Handbook which outlines the purpose and work of the LGB. If you feel you can help and would like to apply, please complete the application form on the website and return to the school office by Friday 4th December. Do contact the school office if you prefer a paper copy or if you would like to have an informal chat, just leave your contact details and we will get back to you.

On behalf of the IAB I would like to thank Mrs Terrey and her able team for their commitment, hard work and positive attitude during this Autumn term. Navigating the impact of Covid 19 is not straightforward and the team have worked tirelessly to ensure that your children are safe and receive the education they deserve. Thank you too for supporting the school in the new arrangements in place due to the current pandemic.

With best wishes for your future good health and safety,

Teresa Sturtivant

Chair of IAB