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Dear Parents & Carers

### Letter from School Governors

The Governors of St Charles would like to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves and also to give you an overview of the role we play in the school.

One of the things which emerged from the parent survey conducted last year was that many parents do not know who the school governors are or what we do. There are 12 Governors:

- two Parent Governors who are elected
- seven Foundation Governors who are appointed by the Bishop
- one Staff Governor who is elected
- one Local Authority Governor appointed by the LA
- plus the Head Teacher, Mrs Elmore

We also have a professional clerk who manages the minutes of meetings and ensures we are also following the legal requirements placed on governors by the Department of Education plus guidelines from bodies such as the Local Authority and Governor associations.

A school governing body has three core functions; to

- ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school
- hold the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- oversee the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent

The Full Governing Body meets six times a year and in various sub-committees each term in order to discharge these responsibilities to ensure that our children get the most from their time at St Charles.

I hope the brief explanation of our role above is useful and you can find out more on the National Governor Association website <http://www.nga.org.uk/>, or you can come and ask us about our role when you see us in school.

In terms of who we are, we come into school regularly for monitoring visits and, where possible, also attend school events so you may have seen us around. It often busy at events though and can be difficult to talk with everyone, so, if you would like to know a little more about who we are and why we dedicate so much of our free time to supporting the school, you can find out more in the governor profiles which are now on our school website <http://www.stcharlescatholicprimarymeasham.org/>.

As ever, the start of our new school year at St Charles was very busy. The 21 new children who joined us in reception have settled into school life well and, at the upper end of the school, our year six children continue to work hard in their final year with us. Seeing the joy on their faces when they achieve something for the first time is what makes the long hours worthwhile, for staff and governors alike. The rest of this term is packed as ever with school events including class Masses, assemblies and of course the school Christmas fare. Details are on the school website.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I wish you and your children a safe and enjoyable second half of this Autumn term.

Yours sincerely

Jacqueline Rodden  
Chair of Governors

## **Governors – St Charles Catholic Primary School, Measham**

Ruth Elmore (Head Teacher)

Tony Holt (Foundation Governor)

Magdalena Jalousinska (Local Authority Governor)

Thomas Kennedy (Parent Governor)

Felicity Knight (Staff Governor)

Fr Colin Patey (Foundation Governor)

Nigel Pearce (Foundation Governor and Vice Chair)

Liz Powell (Foundation Governor)

Christopher Reynolds (Foundation Governor)

Sharon Traves (Foundation Governor)

Paul Kay (Parent Governor)

Jacqueline Rodden (Foundation Governor and Chair)

Jo Williams (Clerk)