

Letter from Dr Venetia Brown, Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you had an enjoyable half-term break. I want to introduce myself as Chair of Governor at St Mary's, the Vice Chair of Governors is Dr Angela Loulopoulou.

The Board of Governors work behind the scenes to fulfill our core functions. We also visit the school as link governor roles and meet regularly with teachers and other staff. One of our key functions is to ensure the voices of stakeholders are heard – this includes pupils, staff, parents, carers and the wider St Mary's community. This term we plan to do this by being present at as many school events as possible so that we can get to know you and you, us. We want you to feel free to introduce yourselves and to chat to us. You can find out more about what we do on the St Mary's school website <https://stmarysn8.co.uk/about-us/governance/governing-body/>

As you may know, it has been a challenging time for the staff over the last few months. The governors have, of course, offered our support, and we want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mrs O'Brien and her Senior Leadership Team, the teachers and teaching assistants, the support staff, the administration team and the premises team for keeping going and ensuring that children remain at the heart of everything they do.

We look forward to meeting you very soon at one of the events planned for the remainder of the term. If you would like to speak to me or anybody else on the Governing Body please contact the Clerk to the Governors via governors@stmarysn8.co.uk.

With best wishes,

Venetia Brown

Chair of Governors

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