



ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

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South Gloucestershire Council

**'Learning to change the World'**  
**'Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God'**  
Micah 6:8



## Annual Governors' Statement 2022/23

Thank you parents and school team alike for your commitment to the wellbeing, education and personal growth of our children. It is a pleasure for us, as Governors, to see regular examples of this.

As a Governing Body our core role is:

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

Last year we chose to remove subcommittees and instead had more regular full governing body meetings. We have found this allows us to make decisions more quickly, better combine our skills and all get a better oversight of the school so we will maintain this approach.

This year we have focused on spending more time on site interacting with teachers and learners. Every other Governors' meeting has now been extended to include half a day in classrooms and the teachers have kindly been giving us regular presentations on areas they lead on. It has been a privilege to witness the passion they have for both their subjects and methods of teaching.

The highlights of the last year from our perspective have been:

### Ofsted Inspection

- We are proud of the 'Good' rating recently achieved by the school. It is important to note that the rating system has radically changed since the previous full inspection; achieving such a rating requires a strong team working at a consistently high standard across all areas.
- Our learners told the Inspectors that our school is a welcoming place where there is 'something for everyone'.
- The Ofsted feedback did note implementation of our (new) curriculum is at an early stage in some subjects and we will give extra attention to this area.
- The full report can be found on our website: [Ofsted report](#)

### Mosaic Partnership Trust

- The recent consultation with pupils, parents and teachers was overwhelmingly supportive of our school becoming a founding member of the Mosaic Partnership Trust (MPT) and helped the Governing Body decide to support moving onto the final stage of the process.
- Joining the MPT is the clear direction of travel for all schools and we feel it is important that, as a founding member, we get work with like-minded schools and shape the aspirations of the MPT. We believe this will best support the needs, growth and achievement of our learners of the future.

### Finances

- The school's financial position remains secure despite the recent financial challenges we are all facing. We aim to use surplus funds to support our most vulnerable families and improve our facilities for all.

Looking forward, we plan to give particular focus on the embedding of St Stephen's curriculum over the next year and achieving a smooth transition into the Mosaic Partnership Trust, whilst maintaining our oversight of key areas such as safeguarding and finances.

A good summary of the school's plan can be found on our website: [Strategic and Improvement Plan](#)

### Contacting the Governors

We always welcome suggestions, feedback, and ideas from parents. Please contact the Chair of Governors via the school office.

Minutes of the Full Governing Body are public documents and are available to view on our website: [Meeting minutes](#)

We hope you all have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Nick Cullimore-Davies*

Chair of Governors

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