

# St. Paul's C.E. Primary School

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## **Top 1% and Parent Governor Elections Conclusion.**

Dear all,

I hope you are well. I wanted to update you all on the Governing Board (GB), particularly with reference to the Parent Governor elections that took place recently.

Before that, though, I very much wanted to draw your attention to the fact that you and your children are fortunate enough to attend a primary school which is in the top 1% of State schools nationally!

In a recent Sunday Times Parent Power Schools Guide, based on the 2018 results, St Paul's ranked:

- 147<sup>th</sup> out of 16,769 state funded primary schools in England: top 1%
- 26<sup>th</sup> in the North West and
- Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> in Manchester

These sorts of outcomes do not happen by accident and everyone associated with the school should be more than proud that the effort, care and focus put in across school life result in positive outcomes like this in the measures that drive this sort of report. A considerable achievement, well done! These are great numbers, but when you sit them alongside the measures we see outside of the core curriculum, for instance, the progress in fitness, the amount of clubs that cater for so many children across the school, and the work put in to the displays and the performances around the recent 175<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, where many former pupils and local elderly people were able to also take part. It is then you can really see the remarkable holistic nature and successes of St Paul's; an even bigger well done!

It was in this holistic and supportive regard that I wanted to update you on the recent elections around parent governor involvement in the Governing Board of the school. I said previously that it was a good measure of the school and the community around it that we had so many really very good candidates when, as I understand it, some schools are not able to turn to that sort of support at all. Given this, the board have agreed to make a couple of changes to mean we can make the most of what is available to it. These changes are that my role in the Governing Board will be moved from Parent Governor to Co-Opted Governor and the vacated Parent Governor role will be taken by Aydin Djemal who took part in the recent election. Aydin has excellent experience helping to run organisations and previously as a school governor, which will be more than useful. As a parent to a child who is in an earlier year group than the other parent governors, this also gives a different perspective and potentially a consistency and longer-term benefit to the governing board.

Alongside Aydin, we have also been joined by Anita Ameen as a Foundation Governor through St Paul's church. Anita has worked as a teacher and so will be able to add experienced consideration to our ongoing role as "critical friends" to the school. This now means that the GB is up to the full complement of 12 and I would like to welcome them both and wish them every success in their work at St Paul's.

As ever if you need to speak to myself or one of the Governors, please feel free to use the email address below.

With kind regards,  
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