



## THE PRIORY SCHOOL

### *Educating Students for Success in Life*

#### **Governors' Impact Statement**

The Priory School Governing board plays a key part in the management of the school, supporting the Head, staff, students and the parents. We try to work closely with the staff to ensure that the school continues to provide an effective service supporting the needs of all of its pupils.

We strive to ensure that the standards of the school are consistent and that all endeavours are made to move the school forwards so that every student achieves their potential both academically and socially so that they may leave us ready to succeed in their future life. We are aware that to achieve this the students must be supported by a well led, caring, professionally competent staff and the welfare of these staff is a high priority for us. Together we work with parents to create an environment that is safe and supportive allowing the students to be happy and healthy.

Our aim as Governors is to ensure that we have the capacity to consistently undertake both our statutory duties and those we owe to our pupils.

In order to achieve these objectives we regularly review our work and seek independent guidance and support. All governors each year attend training sessions to ensure that their skills are updated and suitable to support sustained improvement within the school and consistent in the maintenance of the school's ethos and values.

To ensure these objectives are met we annually review the structure of Governor meetings. We are redefining the terms of reference for our committees to ensure that the full governing board meetings can concentrate on whole school strategic matters. The full governing board meetings receive detailed reports from Governors standards groups who visit each month in term time to discuss with staff and students the workings of the school and to observe lessons. This structure ensures that all aspects of the work of the school are considered and reported in depth. Additionally key staff leaders meet with Governors to review key areas of school activities.

Future objectives.

Within the difficult financial situation being faced by all schools we will endeavour to work with the school to ensure that levels of student support are maintained and that all budgets are effectively applied.

We will ensure that the extra control offered by the school having Foundation status is used to the fullest benefit of the students.

We will continue to strive to increase our understanding of the needs and aspirations of our students and their parents and to communicate with those parents effectively.