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We Grow and Learn with Jesus

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors. My name is Imogen Barrett Walsh and my children attended St. Anthony's many years ago. I have three sons and a daughter who range in age from 32 to 24. I know the staff well as many of the current staff taught my children and some of the newer teachers were in the same classes as my children! I have a background in Education and currently work at a Hertfordshire secondary school as Head of Maths. I have been a governor for three years.

The new Vice Chair of Governors is Ellena Harley. She attended St. Anthony's as a child along with her three sisters. Her children also attended St. Anthony's and she has been a governor for eight years.

We are both Foundation Governors who are appointed in the name of the Archbishop. Foundation Governors form the majority of the governing body of every Catholic school. We have a legal duty to preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school and to ensure that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed. It is a voluntary role. Governing boards have three core functions:

• ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;

• holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and

• overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

On behalf of the Governing Body, we all look forward to meeting parents and carers at the events/performances that will take place throughout the year.

Best wishes

Mrs Imogen Barrett Walsh