



# St Osyth C of E Primary School

A member of the Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**This half term we are launching our Community Board.** Our Community Board will work alongside our Local School Board. The Vine Schools Trust is committed to enabling the school to engage with parents and be practically and spiritually involved with the Parish Church alongside relevant community organisations and individuals. Part of this approach is for each school to develop its own **Community Board**.

### Our Community Board will have three objectives

- 1. Community** – as part of the life of the local Church and community such a group will provide a means of them coming together to:
  - develop relationships and opportunities;
  - support projects within the school; and
  - enable the school to support activity/projects within the Church and community.
- 2. Concerns** – everyone can benefit from the views of others and a good school thrives on clear channels of feedback and information sharing. The group will provide a positive environment in which they can consider opinions and share local intelligence which can be passed to the Local Schools Board to inform decision making.
- 3. Celebration** – championing the strengths and achievements of the school is in everyone's best interests. The group will set out to be good ambassadors for their school.

### Membership of our Community Board

Membership is primarily targeted at the Incumbent (Priest-in-Charge) from the Parish Church, members of the Church (often a representative from the PCC), parents and community-based organisations. It might also be appropriate to invite pupils to participate in some activities or parts of meetings. Our trust suggest our Community Board has six members and definitely no more than ten.

The Community Board's Terms and Conditions, attached, has more details about the board.

### Would you like to be a member of our Community Board?

If you would like to put your name forward to be a member of our Community Board, please complete the attached application form and email it to me, [head.stosyth-mistley@dcvst.org](mailto:head.stosyth-mistley@dcvst.org), or go to our school office and ask for a paper copy of the form. Applications must be received by the end of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Our first meeting is due to take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell  
Headteacher.