



South View Community Primary School

Statement of Governance 2018/19

The Department for Education defines the role of the Governing Body as follows: *to provide confident, strategic leadership and to create robust accountability, oversight and assurance for educational and financial performance.* In effect this means that the Governing Body has three key functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent

Governors are expected to:

- work as a member of the Governing Body for the best interests of the school
- attend the regular meetings of the Governing Body (5 times each year)
- serve on one committee and attend these meetings (3-4 times a year)
- become familiar with general education issues and developments
- promote the school within the local community
- be able to commit time to the duties and responsibilities of a Governor
- visit school to take part in focus visits and meet their link staff
- write up their visits to school and present to other governors
- understand the school's key priorities and be aware of areas for development
- take part in governor training which may be online or face to face
- respect confidentiality and the need to act with circumspection.

Effective governance will include these core features:

- Commitment to ongoing development and to getting to know the school well, including effective induction
- Commitment to playing an active part whilst working as part of a team
- Ability to provide robust challenge and hold school leaders to account whilst listening to and respecting the views of others
- Focus on a strategic role rather than involvement in operational matters

Governance Arrangements

The Governing Body is made up of fourteen members (reduced to thirteen at end of academic year). Seven members are appointed by the Governing Body based on their skills. One is appointed by Lincolnshire County Council. Four are elected by parents (reduced to three at end of academic year), and two (including the Head Teacher) are staff members.

The Full Governing Body meets five times each year. We also have four committees which meet throughout the year to consider various aspects of the school in detail. The four committees are currently Standards, Finance, Personnel and Premises.

This year was the first year that we have had four separate committees and a review of this will take place during the academic year 2019/20. Initial discussions with governors appears to suggest that this system has worked well, with both the Premises Governor and the School Business Manager commenting on how useful and constructive it has been to have a premises committee.

At the start of the academic year 2018/19, Mr Weston was re-elected Chair of Governors for a second year, with Mrs Sumner and Mrs Lucas elected joint Vice Chairs. Mr Hogan was re-elected Chair of Standards Committee, Mr Quinnell was re-elected Chair of Finance. Rev. Brown was elected Chair of Personnel, and Mr Strickland was elected Chair of Premises.

During the year Mr Deeks and Mr Barnett resigned their positions as co-opted governor and parent governor respectively. Mr Pattenden was elected parent governor and Mr Deeks' co-opted position remains vacant. Mr Boland resigned as a parent governor and it was decided by governors to use this as an opportunity to reduce the number of parent governors required to three. At the very end of the year, Mrs Beeken resigned her co-opted position.

Four co-opted governors reached the end of their four year term on 31st August 2019 and governors agreed to re-appoint all four based on the skills that they bring to the Governing Body. All four agreed to continue for a further a four years.

Governor Focus Visits in connection with the following areas have taken place in 2017/18:

- Pupil Premium
- All three priorities within the School Development Plan
- Literacy
- Music
- French
- SEND
- School Council

- Sport Premium
- Health and Safety
- Lunchtime routine
- Phonics
- Religious Studies

Governor Attendance Record and Terms of Office

Name	Appointed by	End of current term	Committee membership	Attendance at meetings
Paul Weston Chair of Governors	Governing Body	February 2022	Standards Finance Personnel	100%
Judith Sumner Vice Chair	Governing Body	August 2023	Standards Personnel	100%
Janet Lucas Vice Chair	Governing Body	August 2023	Standards Finance	92%
Matthew Hogan Chair of Standards	Parents	September 2020	Standards	81%
Paul Quinnell Chair of Finance	Governing Body	August 2023	Finance	100%
Steve Strickland Premises Governor Chair of Premises	Local Authority	August 2022	Premises Finance	81%
Rev. Charles Brown Chair of Personnel	Governing Body	August 2023	Personnel	71%
Steve Powell	Staff	February 2022	Premises	71%
Heather Beeken (resigned August 2019)	Governing Body	November 2021	Standards Personnel	100%
Simon Deeks (resigned December 2018)	Governing Body	November 2021	Personnel	50%
Geoffrey Wilkerson	Parents	March 2022	Premises	100%
Martin Pattenden (appointed Nov 2018)	Parents	November 2022	Finance	80%

John Boland (resigned April 2019)	Parents	March 2022	Standards	80%
Stephen Barnett (resigned before first meeting of the year)				N/A
Gary Peatling Clerk to Governors	Governing Body			100%
Joanne Tomlins	Ex Officio			100%