



South View Community Primary School

Statement of Governance 2019/20

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 thirteen members. Seven members are appointed by the Governing Body based on their skills. One is appointed by Lincolnshire County Council. Three are elected by parents, 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.

At the start of the academic year 2019/20, Mr Weston was re-elected Chair of Governors for a second year, with Mrs Sumner and Mrs Lucas re-elected joint Vice Chairs. Mr Hogan was re-elected Chair of Standards Committee, Mr Quinnell was re-elected Chair of Finance. Mr Pattenden was elected Chair of Personnel, and Mr Strickland was elected Chair of Premises.

During the year Mr Wilkerson resigned his position as a parent governor and Mr Nizzer was appointed parent governor to succeed him. Miss Turner (staff member) was appointed as a co-opted governor.

The school was inspected by Ofsted in November 2019. The Chair of Governors met with the lead inspector. References in the report relating to the Governing Body are as follows:

The governing body is very committed to the work of the school. A detailed plan shows when governors meet leaders and what they will check. The governors use Inspection report: South View Community Primary School 19–20 November 2019 3 their wide range of skills and experiences to support and challenge school leaders. This is putting the school in a good position to improve further.

Leaders are now able to bring about improvements more effectively. Governors are effective at holding them to account for their work.

In March 2020, along with every other school, South View was forced to close its doors due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Governing Body quickly found new ways of working and the remaining Full Governing Body meetings and Committee meetings were held remotely using video conferencing software. The Chair of Governors and Head Teacher continued to hold regular meetings remotely.

Governor focus visits and subject visits have taken place between September and March and these are detailed in the minutes of meetings.

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	100%
Matthew Hogan Chair of Standards	Parents	September 2020	Standards	67%
Paul Quinnell Chair of Finance	Governing Body	August 2023	Finance	100%
Steve Strickland Premises Governor Chair of Premises	Local Authority	August 2022	Premises Finance	82%
Rev. Charles Brown	Governing Body	August 2023	Personnel	75%
Steve Powell	Staff	February 2022	Premises	100%
Amerdeep Nizzer	Parents	March 2024		100%
Geoffrey Wilkerson (resigned January 2020)	Parents	March 2022	Premises	67%
Martin Pattenden Chair of Personnel	Parents	November 2022	Finance	87%
Gemma Turner	Governing Body	December 2023	Standards	100%
Gary Peatling Clerk to Governors	Governing Body			100%
Joanne Tomlins	Ex Officio			100%