



South View Community Primary School

Statement of Governance 2022/23

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

Elements of our vision for the school include:

"Raising aspirations, creating opportunities, celebrating success. We will provide every child with a first-rate education, so that they can develop into confident young people with a sense of self-worth - who believe they can make a difference in the world.

As Governors we aim to:

- Improve the school's year on year progress and attainment levels
- Develop the Governing Body to provide more challenge, rigour and strategic support to the school, and
- Develop a more visible and transparent style of governorship within the school community in order to ensure that parents and pupils are being heard and involved."

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. One vacancy for a coopted governor will arise with the start of the coming school year.

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 Curriculum/Standards, Finance, Personnel and Premises.

At the start of the academic year 2022/3, Mr Weston was re-elected Chair of Governors, with Mr Pattenden elected Vice Chair. Mrs Sumner was elected Chair of the Curriculum/Standards Committee, Mr Quinnell was re-elected Chair of Finance, Mr Pattenden was elected Chair of Personnel, and Mr Strickland was re-elected Chair of Premises.

During the year Mr Pattenden's term of office as a parent governor came to an end and he was re-elected as a coopted governor. After an election/nomination process, Ms Meisel was appointed to the post of parent governor and Mr Turner was appointed as a coopted governor. Mrs Sumner and Mr Quinnell were elected to further terms as coopted governors at the end of the school year. Mrs. Lucas retired as a coopted governor at the end of the year and was thanked for her years of service.

The school was last visited by HM Inspectors in June 2021. The Chair of Governors met with the lead inspector. Excerpts from the report include:

Leaders are determined to make South View a place where every pupil can flourish as a highly successful learner. Parents are very appreciative of staff's work during the pandemic to give their children the best education possible.

The governing body is continuing to ensure that leaders' work is having the impact needed. Members meet regularly with leaders and receive accurate information about the school. This helps them to ask valuable questions, such as the impact of teaching a specific subject, such as mathematics, during the pandemic.

The school was visited by the LA Education locality lead in 12 July 2023. Indicated strengths of the school included:

- Pupils are supported to be confident, resilient, and independent, and to develop strength of character.
- Relationships among pupils and staff reflect a positive and respectful culture; pupils are safe, and they feel safe and happy.
- The school has high expectations for pupils' behaviour and conduct and this is reflected in pupils' positive attitudes. Low level disruption is not tolerated, and pupils' behaviour does not disrupt lessons or the day-to-day life of the school.
- Pupils across the school are engaged and focused on their learning. They talk with enthusiasm about what they enjoy.

Governing Body meetings and Committee meetings are conducted using a blended approach, meeting in school where possible. The Chair of Governors and Head Teacher continue to hold regular meetings. Governor focus visits and subject visits have taken place 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 2026	Curriculum/Standards Finance Personnel	100%
Martin Pattenden Vice Chair of Governors Chair of Personnel	Governing Body	November 2026	Finance Personnel	75%
Judith Sumner Chair of Curriculum/Standards	Governing Body	August 2027	Curriculum/Standards Personnel	100%
Paul Quinnell Chair of Finance	Governing Body	August 2027	Curriculum/Standards Finance	100%
Steve Strickland Premises Governor Chair of Premises	Local Authority	September 2026	Premises	75%
Janet Lucas	Governing Body	Retired August 2023	Curriculum/Standards Finance	100%
Katie Meisel	Parents	May 2027	To be confirmed	100%
Steve Powell	Staff	November 2025	Premises	86%
Amerdeep Nizzer	Parents	March 2024	Premises	71%
Nick Roger	Parents	January 2025	Curriculum/Standards	92%

			Personnel	
Sam Turner	Governing Body	June 2023	To be confirmed	n/a
Gemma Turner	Governing Body	December 2023	Finance	89%
Gary Peatling Clerk to Governors	Governing Body			100%
Joanne Tomlins Head Teacher	Ex Officio			83%