



## South View Community Primary School

### Statement of Governance 2023/24

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 2023/4, Mr. Weston was elected Chair of Governors, with Mr. Pattenden elected Vice Chair. Mrs. Sumner was elected Chair of the Curriculum/Standards Committee, Mr. Quinnell was elected Chair of Finance, Mr. Pattenden was elected Chair of Personnel, and Mr. Strickland was elected Chair of Premises.

During the year Ms. Vilder was welcomed to the governing body as a coopted governor. Mr. Nizzer's term of office as a parent governor ended, Miss Turner's term of office as a coopted governor ended and Mr. Powell retired as a staff governor. Mr. Nizzer, Miss Turner, and Mr. Powell were thanked for their service to the governing body and school.

The school was given a full two-day inspection by HM Inspectors in November 2023 under section 5 of the 2005 Education Act. The Chair of Governors and Chair of the Finance committee met with the lead inspector and additional governors were presented during the feedback session. The school was rated as good across all areas of the inspection. Excerpts from the report include:

"Pupils, staff, governors and parents and carers work as one to make this school such a lovely place to work and to learn. Pupils feel safe and valued in this warm, nurturing environment. It truly is a place where 'children are at the heart of everything.'

Being respectful is one of the school's 'HEART' values. Pupils demonstrate this quality in lessons and on the playground. They understand why respecting others is important. Pupils have a strong sense of fairness and what is right and wrong.

Pupils behave well. They are polite and cheerful. Pupils like going to school and spending time with each other. They enjoy the extra-curricular activities on offer at South View, such as the cookery club and STEM club, and all the sports competitions the school participates in.

Pupils are proud of their school and where they live. Pupils love their school meals. They describe them as healthy and delicious. The Year 6 pupils who serve at the salad bar are always busy. ...

The school is well led. The school has identified the right next steps for further development. Governors check closely on all aspects of the school's work. They provide effective support and challenge. Staff and parents are unanimous in their praise for South View. Everyone is pulling in the same direction at this happy, vibrant school."

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	90%
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	77%
Steve Strickland Premises Governor Chair of Premises	Local Authority	September 2026	Finance Premises	90%
Rachel Vidler	Governing Body	November 2027	Curriculum/Standards	71%
Katie Meisel	Parents	May 2027	To be confirmed	67%
Steve Powell	Staff	Retired July 2024	Premises	100%
Amerdeep Nizzer	Parents	Retired March 2024	Premises	67%
Nick Roger	Parents	January 2025	Curriculum/Standards	91%

			Personnel	
Sam Turner	Governing Body	June 2027	Finance Personnel	100%
Gemma Turner	Governing Body	Retired November 2023	Finance	100%
Gary Peatling Clerk to Governors	Governing Body			100%
Joanne Tomlins Head Teacher	Ex Officio			94%