

Annual Governance Statement September 2022



1 THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Name	Type of Governor	Current Term of Office Appointed	Current Term of Office Expires
Mr. I. Robbins (Chair)	Co-opted Governor	28/02/2021	27/02/2025
Mr. A. Curvis (Vice Chair)	Co-opted Governor	30/11/2021	29/11/2025
Mrs. P. Boyes	Co-opted Governor	12/12/2021	11/12/2025
Mrs. L. Casson	Co-opted Governor	28/02/2021	27/02/2025
Mrs. B. Chambers	Co-opted Governor	28/02/2021	27/02/2025
Mrs. J. Creswell	Co-opted Governor	14/06/2020	13/06/2024
Mrs. A. Gratrix	Co-opted Governor	27/04/2021	26/04/2025
Mrs. L. Jones	Co-opted Governor	30/11/2021	29/11/2025
Mr. S. Robinson	Co-opted Governor	28/02/2021	27/02/2025
Mrs. C. Smith	Co-opted Governor	26/02/2019	25/02/2023
Councillor B. Brotherton	Local Authority Governor	15/11/2020	14/11/2024
Mrs. P. Ainge	Parent Governor	26/02/2019	25/02/2023
Mrs. L. Sanders	Parent Governor	14/06/2018	13/06/2022
Mrs. H. Chatterton	Staff Governor	27/04/2021	26/04/2025
Mr. C. Searle	Headteacher		

The Board of Governors maintains a skills matrix which demonstrates the diverse skills held by the Board of Governors. This document informs any appointments to ensure the Board of Governors maintain the skills required to be effective.

2 CLERK TO GOVERNORS

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Contact: Julie Lawson, Head of Service, 0161 348 7188.

Our current clerk was appointed on 01/09/2018 and her term runs to 31/08/2022.

3 COMMITTEES

Remits for the Committees are available on request from the School. Some committees or named Governors receive specific training to be able to carry out their functions effectively.

Buildings Committee	Curriculum Committee	Finance Committee
Cllr B. Brotherton	Mrs. P. Ainge	Mrs. P. Boyes (Vice Chair)
Mrs. A. Gratrix (Chair)	Mrs. L. Casson	Mrs. H. Chatterton
Mr. I. Robbins	Mrs. B. Chambers	Mr. A. Curvis (Chair)
Mr. S. Robinson (Vice Chair)	Mrs. J. Creswell	Mrs. L. Jones
Mr. C. Searle (Head) attends	Mrs. A. Gratrix (Chair)	Mr. I. Robbins
	Mrs. L. Sanders	Mr. C. Searle (Head) attends
	Mrs. C. Smith	
	Mr. C. Searle (Head) attends	

3 COMMITTEES CONTINUED

Pay Review Committee	Personnel Committee	Pupil Discipline Committee
Mrs. P. Boyes (Vice Chair)	Mrs. P. Ainge	This committee meets as and when required, calling upon four uncompromised Governors from the Board of Governors.
Mr. I. Robbins (Chair)	Mrs. P. Boyes	
Mr. S. Robinson	Mrs. L. Casson	
Mr. C. Searle (Head) attends	Mrs. B. Chambers	
	Mrs. H. Chatterton	
	Mr. S. Robinson (Chair)	
	Mrs. C. Smith (Vice Chair)	
	Mr. C. Searle (Head) attends	

Headteacher's Performance Management Committee
Mrs. P. Boyes
Mr. I. Robbins (Chair)
Mr. S. Robinson (Vice Chair)

Named Governors linked to	2022-2023
Behaviour	Mr. I. Robbins
Child Protection/Safeguarding	Mr. S. Robinson
Computing	Mr. S. Robinson
Creative (Art, Music, Design Technology and Physical Education)	Mr. A. Curvis
Data Protection	Mr. I. Robbins
Early Years	Mrs. L. Casson
English	Mrs. L. Sanders
Health and Safety	Mr. I. Robbins
Humanities (Geography, History, Religious Education and Spanish)	Mrs. P. Ainge
Key Stage One	Mrs. L. Casson
Key Stage Two	Mrs. A. Gratrix
Mathematics	Mrs. P. Boyes
Personal, Social and Health and Relationships Education	Mrs. C. Smith
Pupil Performance	Mrs. B. Chambers
Pupil Performance	Mrs. L. Jones
Science	Cllr. B. Brotherton
Special Educational Needs	Mrs. L. Casson
Wellbeing	Mrs. C. Smith

Governors attend school events such as: performances, sporting events or to see the children learning in school. Each Governor is assigned an area of school life and follows the children throughout the school. This approach allows Governors to get to know the children's journey from Nursery through to leaving us for secondary school. They are involved in paired work scrutiny with subject leads in school, scrutiny of pupil and parent questionnaire responses, team planning meetings, etc.

4 ATTENDANCE during the 2021 – 2022 Academic Year

Governor	Number of board meetings attended this year (3 per year):	Number of committee meetings attended this year	Number of visits to school this year – including training events, school events, trips, assemblies and class visits. (Please note this was restricted due to Covid outbreaks.)
Mrs. P. Ainge	3 (100%)	6 (100%)	5
Mrs. P. Boyes	3 (100%)	9 (100%)	3
Councillor B. Brotherton	2 (67%)	2 (67%)	2
Mrs. L. Casson	2 (67%)	4 (67%)	3
Mrs. B. Chambers	2 (67%)	5 (83%)	School Staff Member
Mrs. H. Chatterton	3 (100%)	7 (88%)	School Staff Member
Mrs. J. Creswell	3 (100%)	2 (67%)	School Staff Member
Mr. A. Curvis	3 (100%)	4 (100%)	4
Mrs. A. Gratrix	2 (67%)	5 (83%)	2
Mrs. L. Jones	2 (67%)	4 (100%)	1
Mr. I. Robbins	3 (100%)	9 (100%)	23
Mr. S. Robinson	3 (100%)	8 (100%)	3
Mrs. L. Sanders	3 (100%)	3 (100%)	3
Mrs. C. Smith	3 (100%)	6 (100%)	4
Mr. C. Searle (Headteacher)	3 (100%)	15 (100%)	School Staff Member
Mrs. M. Brncic (School Business Manager)	2 (67%)	4 (100%)	School Staff Member

5 CHAIR'S STATEMENT 2021 - 2022

This has been a busy year for the Board of Governors as we strive to continue to support the work of the school. We have worked together in our strategic role:

- to ensure pupils enjoy school, feel valued and part of the school community
- to ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- to ensure pupil attainment is monitored and maximised
- to oversee and manage the school's budget
- to ensure the staff are supported as needed
- to approve policies and procedures
- to oversee admissions of our Nursery pupils
- to attend school events such as pupils' performances.

By carrying out our strategic monitoring role, the Board enables the senior leadership team to focus on the day to day running of the school.

Much of our work centres on the priorities as set out in our agreed annual school development plan.

In line with this, we began the academic year by extending our level of support in order that those most greatly impacted by Covid lockdowns would catch up as quickly as possible. Staff worked tirelessly to ensure children were given a safe place to work and at the same time prioritised basic skills development. It was important to us all that we maintained the broad and balanced curriculum that children and indeed staff enjoy so very much.

Our new curriculum (following our expansion to a two-form entry primary) is now fully in place and children are enjoying the activities offered to them in class each and every day. Our staff are enjoying working together and have developed an exciting, progressive, developmental and linear curriculum.

The school achieved the vast majority of last year's School Development Plan (SDP) and continues to oversee the priorities for 2021 – 2022, including:

- Increasing the opportunities for pupil and parent voice and involvement;
- To continue to prioritise narrowing the gap in attainment between those in, and those not in receipt of Free School Meals, which became even more difficult in the light of Covid;
- To further develop our wide curriculum offer by developing the role of middle leaders, so that we continue to ensure the broad, balanced and full curriculum that we pride ourselves in already providing;
- Embed new pupil tracking systems and practices, including the assessment of foundation subjects; and
- To ensure lost learning was caught up on by our children.

We know what remains to be done and highlighted for us in the 2020-2023 academic year, is the importance of continuing work begun last academic year to support all children, particularly the most disadvantaged.

6 MEETINGS

The Full Board of Governors meets termly. The headteacher's Performance Management Committee meets twice a year and The Pay Review Committee meets annually. All other committees meet at least every term.

7 OTHER DOCUMENTS

Other document available from the Governor's section of the school website:

- The Board of Governors Code of Conduct
- Committee remits
- Register of Business and Pecuniary Interests