

**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of St. Andrew's Primary School
September 2019**

In accordance with the Government's requirements for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of St. Andrew's Primary School Governing Body are:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governance arrangements

The Governing Body of St. Andrew's Primary School was re-constituted in May 2017 and is currently made up of 11 governors:

- 5 Co-opted Governors (1 Vacancy)
 - 3 Parent Governors
 - 2 Staff Governors (including the Head)
 - 1 Local Authority Governor
- We also have 1 Associate Governor.

The full Governing Body meets once each term. We also have a number of committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail. These include Curriculum and Standards, Finance and Premises, First/Pay Review and Headteacher Performance. We also have committees that meet as required to consider pupil discipline, staffing matters and any appeals.

Attendance record of governors

Governors have excellent attendance records at meetings, as can be seen from the records held on the school website. We have only had to cancel a meeting once because it was not "quorate" (the numbers needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made) since June 2013.

The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body

We have been involved in a number of significant decisions in this past year, focused on school improvement. These include:

Confirming our Acting Headteacher as the permanent post holder and appointing a new Deputy Head into post. Being involved in all aspects of the above recruitment processes.

We have strengthened our Governing Body with the addition of 2 new Governors who bring a wide range of excellent and varied skillsets to bolster and improve the team.

	<p>Input into the funding and development of improvements such as new Whiteboards throughout, tarmacking of the nursery mud kitchen and resurfacing of the Year 1 play area and purchase of new play equipment for it.</p> <p>Being involved in decisions to increase our TA and Apprentice staffing to provide an improved experience for all of our children.</p> <p>Helping maximise the school budget to achieve best outcomes.</p> <p>Overseeing Pupil Premium and Sports Premium spending.</p> <p>Providing robust challenge during all meetings.</p> <p>We have also carried out a number of visits to monitor and evaluate the work of the school.</p> <p>We have visited lessons as well as attending school events and functions and completing some work scrutiny.</p> <p>We enjoy celebrating the achievements of the children in all aspects of school life with Mrs James and her team.</p>
<p>Future plans for the governors</p>	<p>We will continue to undertake training as required.</p> <p>We will take a full and active part to fulfil our role as we adapt to the ever-changing educational landscape and current formula funding concerns.</p> <p>We will continue to make regular visits to the school in order to monitor the impact of curriculum changes, assessment strategies and Pupil Premium spending impact. We will also attend as many functions as we are able.</p>
<p>How can you contact the governing body</p>	<p>We always welcome any suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents and carers. Please contact the Chair of Governors, Peter Hardy, via the school office. Here is a full list of current governors:</p>
<p>Mr Peter Hardy (Chair)</p>	<p>Co-opted (Community) Governor (Previously a Parent Governor for 4 years)</p>
<p>Mrs Julie Brown</p>	<p>Co-opted (Community) Governor</p>

Mr John Waine (Vice Chair)	Co-opted (Community) Governor
Mrs Carol Gaskarth	Co-opted (Community) Governor
Vacancy	Co-opted (Community) Governor
Mrs Laura Carrick	Parent Governor
Mr Gary Waldock	Parent Governor
Mrs Rachel Tallentire	Parent Governor
Cllr Joy Allen	Local Authority Governor
Mrs Nicola James	Headteacher
Mrs Laura Hudson	Staff Governor (Deputy Head)
Mr Martin Orwin	Associate Governor
Mrs Karen Booth	SGSS Clerk to the Governing Body