



South View Community Primary School

Statement of Governance 2017/18

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 fourteen members. Seven members are appointed by the Governing Body based on their skills. One is appointed by Lincolnshire County Council. Four 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 two committees which meet throughout the year to consider various aspects of the school in detail. The two committees are currently Standards and Finance/Personnel.

Future Plans

From September 2018 the Governing Body will move to a structure of four committees (Standards, Finance, Personnel, Premises). This will allow for smaller and more focussed committees. Each committee will report to the Full Governing Body throughout the year.

At the start of the academic year 2017/18, Mrs Sumner stepped down as Chair of Governors. Mr Weston was elected Chair, with Mrs Sumner and Mrs Lucas elected joint Vice Chairs. Mrs Sumner was thanked for her hard work and commitment to South View during her term of office as Chair. Mr Hogan was elected Chair of Standards Committee and Mr Quinnell was re-elected Chair of Finance/Personnel Committee.

During the year, Mr Newmark resigned his position as parent governor. Mrs Beeken and Mr Deeks were appointed as governors by the governing body, and Mr Boland and Mr Wilkerson were elected as parent governors.

Governor Focus Visits in connection with the following areas have taken place in 2017/18:

- Book Scrutiny, Marking and Presentation
- NQT support visit
- Fire safety visit
- Visit regarding the SDP
- Science Subject Visit
- ICT Subject Visit
- French Subject Visit
- School Council
- Literacy
- RE Subject Visit
- SEND visit
- Safeguarding Audit
- Check of SCR
- Health and Safety

- Finance
- Attendance
- Follow up Literacy Visit
- Follow up Safeguarding Visit
- Effectiveness of Leadership and Management
- Year six progress
- Personal Development of Behaviour of pupils
- Development of more able pupils
- Impact of SDP
- Follow up SEND visit
- Pupil Premium
- Sports Premium
- School Council
- Phonics
- Teaching Assistants]
- SMSC

Governor Attendance Record and Terms of Office

Name	Appointed by	End of current term	Committee membership	Attendance at meetings
Paul Weston Chair of Governors	Parents (until February) Governing Body (from February)	February 2022	Standards Finance/Personnel	100%
Judith Sumner Vice Chair	Governing Body	August 2019	Standards Finance/Personnel	100%
Janet Lucas Vice Chair	Governing Body	August 2019	Standards Finance/Personnel	100%
Matthew Hogan Chair of Standards	Parents	September 2020	Standards	89%
Paul Quinnell Chair of Finance/Personnel	Governing Body	August 2019	Standards Finance/Personnel	87%
Steve Strickland Premises Governor	Local Authority	August 2018	Standards Finance/Personnel	100%
Rev. Charles Brown	Governing Body	August 2019	Standards	67%
Steve Powell	Parents (until February)	February 2022	Standards	100%

	February) Staff (from February)			
Dudley Newmark	Parents	Resigned January 2018	Finance/Personnel	67%
Stephen Barnett	Parents	September 2020	Finance/Personnel	38%
Heather Beeken (appointed November 2017)	Governing Body	November 2021	Standards	86%
Simon Deeks (appointed November 2017)	Governing Body	November 2021	Finance/Personnel	60%
Geoffrey Wilkerson (appointed March 2018)	Parents	March 2022		100%
John Boland (appointed March 2018)	Parents	March 2022		100%
Gary Peatling Clerk to Governors	Governing Body			100%
Joanne Tomlins	Ex Officio		Standards Finance/Personnel	100%