



## Annual Governance Statement 2020/21

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of our Local Governing Committee are:

- 1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, values and strategic direction;*
- 2. Holding the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and for the performance management of staff;*
- 3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.*

Our instrument of governance is comprised of the following categories:

- 2 parent governors
- Up to 4 co-opted governors, including a Trust senior executive leader
- The Headteacher

The Local Governing Committee meets twice in the autumn term and once in the spring term and summer term.

The Trust Board are responsible for the core governance business across the Trust, with specific monitoring functions delegated to individual schools. They meet every half term. The Trust Board also have three committees to carry out statutory functions across the Trust. These committees are:

- Remuneration Committee
- Finance, Audit & Risk Committee
- Curriculum & Standards Committee

The work that our governors have completed during the past year includes:

- Ensuring COVID19 risk assessments in place
- Supporting school improvement initiatives
- Pupil premium /sports fund monitoring
- Safeguarding systems audited/Health & Safety issues and building works monitored
- School based policies and procedures updated and reviewed
- Staff recruitment/staff allocation monitoring
- Curriculum implementation and assessments monitored to ensure pupils develop their learning
- Data analysed to ensure that pupils make good progress from their starting points
- Attendance monitored and tracked
- Governor monitoring visits carried out linked to school improvement priorities, including SEND and safeguarding

Our Governor Development Plan 2021-2022 hopes to achieve the following:

- Support the school to improve educational outcomes for all pupils
- Ensure that recovery premium money is targeted on the right areas and that this impacts on ensuring pupils 'catch up' following COVID 19.
- Ensure that the school receives an improved judgement at the time of our next Ofsted inspection
- Maintain an ongoing commitment to governor training and development.

### **How you can contact the Local Governing Committee**

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas and are happy to provide more information if you are interested in finding out about becoming a governor at our wonderful school.

The Chair of Governors can be contacted via the School Office.

Further information about governance is also available on the Governor's page of the school website.