



Governing Body Annual Report

Vision Statement of the Governing Body:

Championing the needs and aspirations of all children and families

Aim of report	To provide parents with a summary of the activity, aims and outcomes of the Local Governing Board for the academic year September 2017 to July 2018
Committees	Local Governing Board (LGB) There are two subcommittees of the LGB. These are a separate Standards, Curriculum and Behaviour Committee and a Finance, Staffing and Resources Committee
Governors	Mr Wilson, Eamonn Hunt, Mr Warlow, Heather Hurst, Mrs Kennedy, Marcella Ray-Aigbokhai Michelle Haywood, Kwaku Afram

Local Governing Board (LGB)

Of the 5 meetings planned through the year, 3 have taken place. One meeting was cancelled due to there not being a full committee available and one due to the snow.

The role of the LGB is to support the strategic direction of the school and to challenge, monitor and review the educational offer for pupils, finances, management of staff and compliance with policies.

The head teacher report plays a key part of our meetings, where we are updated on teaching, staffing, complaints and future plans for the school. We are able to ask questions and be reassured that these are well thought through and will bring improvements for the children. This has been a particular challenge given the change in head teacher in the previous term. The most recent meeting has focused on Mr Wilson's first weeks in the school, his assessment and a discussion about his initial plans for the coming school year.

We have reviewed progress against the school improvement plan. Progress has been made with reading in the school, accurate assessment of children's progress and staff support and management. Ensuring children are in school for their lessons is vitally important and we have discussed if more can be done.

We continue to ask the school how it keeps all children safe, and we ensure strong safeguarding work and support is undertaken.

The LGB has reviewed the impact of the new data protection rules (GDPR). We have looked at the ways the school keeps information safe and the changes being made to enhance this.

Standards, Curriculum and Behaviour Committee

Of the 4 meetings arranged, 1 has taken place. One was cancelled due to a lack of people available, one due to the snow and one is due to take place in July.

The role of this committee is to focus on the schools targets, how the school is supporting all children to progress and how the school is supporting children's behaviour and development.

The results from the previous year 6 SATS have shown that we need to drive standards up, particularly in reading. The committee have received detailed reports on how reading is being taught and assessed, how children who are not progressing as we would want them to are provided with additional support, and most importantly how teachers are creating a love of reading in all children. This doesn't just apply to children in year 6, but across the school. We have heard about the use of bug club and the accelerated reader. As a school, years 2 to 6 have read over 5000 books since the accelerated reader was introduced. We have also discussed the stocking of the library and the access children have to books.

We aim to review all areas of the curriculum, and in the last meeting we focused on ICT. We discussed the purchase of the chrome books, and what a success this has been in helping children to access computers in class. This is in addition to the iPad's and desktop computers already in school.

The school is continuing to look at ways to invest in technology. The committee was informed about successful bids to secure money to purchase a Lego coding kit and some additional funding from Tesco.

The school supports pupils to be part of a Techno Team. This helps to keep the school up to date with the apps and the technology pupils are using outside of school. This helps the digital leaders to plan e-safety initiatives.

The next meeting will focus on the outcome of assessments, including phonics and SATS. This will help us to plan the focus for next year's work.

Finance Committee

Of the three meetings planned all three have taken place.

The role of the finance committee is to approve the annual budget, monitor spending and ensure the school remains in a strong financial position.

We are currently in a strong financial position, which means that we can continue to look at how we can invest wisely to improve provision for all children.

Next Steps

- 1) To advertise for a parent Governor to join the committee. This will take place at the beginning of the Autumn Term
- 2) The chair of governors will attend a coffee morning to present this report, answer questions and meet parents.
- 3) To continue to champion the needs and aspirations of the children and families.