



Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of East Stanley School 2017-2018



In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of the Governing Body of East Stanley School are:

1. To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
2. To hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
3. To oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

<p>Governance Arrangements</p>	<p>The Governing Body of East Stanley School was re-constituted in November 2014 and consists of the following members: The Headteacher, 1 staff governor, 5 elected parent governors, 1 Local Authority Governor and 4 Co-opted Governors. There is currently a parent vacancy. Co-opted Governors are appointed by the Governing Body and are people who, in the opinion of the Governing Body have the skills required to contribute to the effective Governance and success of the school: on our Governing Body one of our Co-opted Governors is a member of staff, one is an education specialist, one is an Operations Director in a Multi-Academy Trust and one is a retired teacher. All Governors undertake a 'skills audit' which gives the school the opportunity to appoint Governors with the relevant skills on the right committees. The Full Governing Body meets once each term. We also have sub-committees who meet to consider different aspects of the school in detail. Here at East Stanley School, we have a Finance and Personnel Committee, which focuses on finance and personnel matters, an Achievement and Progress Committee, who receive regular updates from subject leaders, as well as updates in relation to Safeguarding and Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). We also have Committees that meet, if required to consider pupil discipline and staffing matters.</p>
<p>Attendance Record of Governors</p>	<p>Governors have excellent attendance at meetings and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not "quorate" (the number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made).</p>
<p>Key Issues Faced and Addressed by the Governing Body</p>	<p>The Governing Body had a busy year 2016-2017, focusing on school improvement and in particular on the areas for improvement identified by Ofsted in March 2016 and HMI in January 2017. The Achievement and Progress Committee has spent time considering key data, analysing the results of pupil achievement and progress, so that we can be sure that the school is on track to fulfil its challenging targets for all pupils. We continue to</p>

	<p>focus on 'vulnerable' groups of children and how the pupil premium grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has on their outcomes.</p> <p>The Finance Committee looks at the maintenance and development of the school premises and makes decisions about how the school should use its budget.</p> <p>The school has recently had a Health and Safety inspection and Governors are updated termly in relation to Health and Safety and Security. We have also had an internal audit, which reviewed financial procedures.</p> <p>Governors are also concerned about safeguarding and we have nominated Safeguarding Governors (Mr Michael Tallentire and Mr Jason Wise) who liaise with the school and report to the governors about any safeguarding matters.</p> <p>Another of the roles of the Governing Body is to review and agree school policies. This year we have considered a number of key policies.</p> <p>Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents. Ask at the school office if you would like to see the minutes of any of our meetings.</p> <p>Governors have looked to broaden their knowledge by increasing the amount of training they attend. They continue to undertake a high number of visits, which involves Learning Walks across the school and regular work scrutinies with subject leaders.</p>
<p>Future Plans for the Governing Body</p>	<p>To continue to work on the areas for improvement identified in our external review of governance, held in the summer of 2016 and reviewed in the summer 2017.</p>
<p>Contact Details</p>	<p>The Governing Body welcomes suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents/carers. Please contact Mrs Rutherford, Chair of the Governing Body via the school office.</p> <p>Details of the full Governing Body are available on the school website.</p>