



Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Board Goostrey Primary School

July 2019

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the four core strategic functions of the Governing Board are:

1. Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Hold the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
3. Oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.
4. Promote the highest possible standards for safeguarding

The Governing Board of Goostrey Primary School was re-constituted in 2014 and is made up of 5 parent governors, 1 LA governor, 1 staff governor, 6 co-opted governors and the Headteacher.

Co-opted governors are appointed by the Governing Board and are people who, in the opinion of the Governing Board, have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

The full Governing Board meets once each term, and we also have two committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail:

Personnel and Curriculum Committee - this committee spends time considering the key data around pupils' achievement and attainment, so that we can be sure that the school is on track to fulfil its ambitious targets for all pupils. We focus on the progress and wellbeing of all our pupils and ensure "vulnerable groups" of children are effectively supported by the Pupil Premium Grant. There is a designated governor who monitors how this is being spent by the school and reflects on the positive outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. The impact of the Sports' Grant is considered by P and C. All areas of the curriculum, Special Educational Needs and arrangements for assessment are also discussed at these meetings.

This committee considers all staffing matters and leads on recruitment, HR, staff development and appraisal.

Finance and Premises Committee – this committee looks at the maintenance and development of the school premises, and makes decisions about how the school should use its delegated budget. Our Health and Safety and Building Compliance Inspections are carried out by independent inspectors with the School Business Manager. Governors are always vigilant with safeguarding and receive regular reports about safeguarding matters. The Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Boardman who meets with the two safeguarding leads to audit provision. The governors set the budget in the summer term. The budget for 19 20 continues to allow us to maintain single year groups, present staffing levels and the high standard of provision for the pupils. Governors are aware that school funding is a national issue and on current predictions our funding is set to fall in the future. Both delegated budgets and unofficial School Fund are subject to external audit and governors are required to complete an annual Schools Financial Values Statement Return (SFVS).

One of the roles for the governors is reviewing and agreeing school policies, and this year we have considered a number of key policies in line with statutory requirements and good practice. Statutory policies can be found on the school website.

Governors have key subject and specific area responsibilities. Each class also has their own link governor who is encouraged to visit and spend time with the children. The governors write reports for the summer term's Headteacher's Report giving an

overview of the work and impact in their subject / area. You can see the full list of governors with a brief resume of their key responsibilities and roles on the Governors' page of the school website

Governors also contribute to the school's self-assessment document which covers the following areas:

Quality of Education

Personal Development

Behaviour and Attitudes

Leadership and Management

There is a comprehensive programme of training for governors.

Minutes of Governing Board and Committee meetings are public documents, once they have been approved by the board and signed by the relevant chairs. You can ask at the school office if you would like to see part 1 minutes of our meetings. Full board meetings are available on the school website. At the end of every meeting governors consider and record the positive impact they have had on the pupils.

Future plans for the governors 2019/20

Governors will continue to carry out all their duties and responsibilities to a high standard. They are determined that the children will get the best provision possible and to this end will:

- Familiarise themselves with new Ofsted framework for inspections
- Update the self-assessment document in line with these changes.
- Monitor the impact of the teaching and learning
- Understand relevant data
- Monitor the whole curriculum and how it is delivered

As part of the improvements needed to maintain our outstanding school we continue to work hard to be an effective partner for all our families and the community.

The rolling programme of building improvements continues – this includes junior playground being resurfaced, finishing upgrading LED lighting upgrades, upgrading fire alarm system on the junior site, flooring work in Y6 classroom, asbestos removal in the boiler house. We will also continually update the IT resources in order to equip our children with the technology they need.

Attendance record of governors

Governors have excellent attendance at meetings and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not “quorate” (the number of non – staff governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made is 3).

How you can contact the Governing Board

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Tracey Goodwin, via the school office. Alternatively there is a list of governors, with contact details on our website.