

Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Board of St Paul's Church of England School School Year 2017/2018

Role of the Governing Board

The role of the governing board in a local authority maintained school is set out in education law, namely to 'conduct the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement'. The board also has a legal responsibility to promote pupil wellbeing. It does this by:

Setting Strategic Direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ensuring clarity of vision and ethos- Engaging with stakeholders- Making sure statutory duties are met.
Creating Robust Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Accountability for teaching, achievement, behaviour and safety- Strengthening and supporting school leadership- Performance managing the Headteacher- Contributing to school self-evaluation.
Ensuring Financial Probity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Making sure the school's money is well spent- Monitoring the use of the Pupil Premium grant and other resources to overcome barriers to learning.

Governance Arrangements

The governing board is made up as follows:

- **Parent Governors:** Karen Mallord (up to November 2017), Greg South (up to June 2018) and Victoria Walmsley (from June 2018)
- **Headteacher:** Chris Dugdale
- **Staff Governor:** Marilyn Wiggans
- **Local Authority Governor:** Cllr Julie Slater (up to March 2018), Vikki Blackburn (from June 2018)
- **Foundation:** Jackie Brine, Clare Leadley (Chair), Rebecca MacBride, Louise McGaffigan, Simon Taylor (Vice Chair), Sarah West
- **Ex Officio:** Rev Alice Cole (up to March 2018) Rev Tim Horobin (From March 2018)

The full Governing Board meets once per term and Governors also meet termly as committees to consider various aspects of the school in detail. At St Paul's CofE School we have the following committees:

Resources (finance, staffing, premises, health & safety)

Standards and Effectiveness (pupil attainment and progress, curriculum, school improvement plan, safeguarding)

Admissions

Pay review (consider recommendations for teaching staff pay progression)

Governors also have links to health and safety and administration, and visit school regularly to meet pupils and staff, in addition to monitoring specific aspects of the curriculum or areas such as SEN and safeguarding.

There are also committees that meet, if required, to consider pupil discipline, staffing appeals and complaints.

A list of Governors, their terms of office and positions of responsibility is published on the school website and can be accessed by clicking here <http://www.stpaulshoddlesden.org.uk/topic/governors>

Governors' Attendance Record

Governing boards make decisions collectively, though they may choose to delegate responsibility to committees, or individuals (including the Headteacher). Attending Governing Board meetings is an essential part of a governor's role and the attendance record for the governors of our school is good. This ensures that all governors receive the necessary information all at the same time and therefore important and informed decisions can be made as and when necessary on all aspects of the school, staff and pupils.

The attendance record for all governors is published on the school website and can be accessed by clicking here <http://www.stpaulshoddlesden.org.uk/governing-body-information/>

Assessment and Impact of the Governing Board during 2017/2018 School Year

Resources Committee

- *Financial Management, budget-setting and monitoring including use of Pupil Premium grant and sports funding*
- *Meeting the Schools' Financial Value Standard*
- *Building developments/improvements*
- *Health and Safety monitoring*
- *Agreeing staffing levels*
- *Reviewing and agreeing relevant policies*

Standards Committee

- *Data analysis – attainment and pupil progress*
- *Monitoring the school Curriculum and extra-curricular activities*
- *Special Educational Needs provision*
- *Pupil attendance*
- *Pupil behaviour and safety*
- *Child protection and pupil welfare*
- *Reviewing and agreeing relevant policies*

Pay review

- *Staff recruitment, performance and pay reviews*

Full Governing Board

- *Governor visits to school focused on priorities for school improvement*
- *School Improvement Plan*
- *School Self-Evaluation*
- *Governor training*
- *Impact review*
- *Director's report from Blackburn with Darwen education authority.*

Future Plans for Continuous Improvement

During 2017/18 the confidence and knowledge of the Governing Body has continued to improve. As well as receiving information from the Headteacher and SLT, governors visit school to see things first hand. Going forward we aim to use our knowledge to provide necessary challenge and to ensure that St Paul's is providing the education that is best for all pupils.

Agreed by the Governing Board on: 14.3.19

Signed by the Chair: L. McGaffigan