

Governance Impact Statement Summary September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

At our school, the Governing Body plays a vital role in supporting the Headteacher and staff to ensure that every child receives the best possible education. Governors are volunteers who bring a wide range of skills and experience to help guide the school's long-term vision, monitor standards and make sure that resources are used wisely.

Our Key responsibilities:

Governors focus on three main areas:

- Vision and Strategy – helping set the school's values, ethos and future direction.
- Educational Standards – holding the Headteacher and senior leaders to account for the progress and achievement of all pupils.
- Financial Oversight – checking that the school budget is well managed and money is spent effectively for the benefit of every child.

How We Work:

Governors meet regularly throughout the year, visiting classrooms, reviewing policies, and monitoring the School Improvement Plan to ensure key priorities are achieved. We undertake training to stay up to date with safeguarding, inclusion and education developments. Each governor is linked to a particular area of school life so we can provide both support and constructive challenge.

Highlights of the past year:

- Supporting Learning and Wellbeing: Governors have carefully monitored pupil progress, the quality of teaching, and the mental health and wellbeing of both pupils and staff.
- School Environment: Improvements such as new fencing, a heating system upgrade and plans for a sensory garden and forest area are making the school safer and more welcoming.
- Financial Stewardship: Despite national funding challenges, the school remains in a sound financial position, with careful budgeting to support all children, including those with special educational needs and those receiving Pupil Premium funding.
- Curriculum Development: Governors have encouraged evidence-based teaching approaches and supported exciting projects, including a science research initiative to strengthen learning.
- Safeguarding: A strong culture of safeguarding is firmly embedded, with regular checks to keep children safe.

Looking Ahead:

We continue to focus on:

- Filling governor vacancies to strengthen our team.
- Supporting staff training in behaviour management and trauma-informed practice.
- Monitoring the new mental health screening programme for pupils.
- Promoting sustainability and energy efficiency through our environmental strategy.

Our Commitment:

As governors, we are proud of our school and the progress made this year. We remain committed to working with staff, parents and the wider community to make sure every child thrives in a safe, happy and ambitious learning environment.

Yours sincerely,
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