

Governors

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Annual Statement:

The governing body continue to work on its three core functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
2. Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

In July 2023, the school's Ofsted report credited this work –

- Leaders and staff work closely with the governing body to identify with accuracy the school's strengths and areas for further development. Staff feel valued and appreciate the support that they receive from leaders to look after their well-being and manage their workloads. Staff enjoy working collaboratively as a team.

The governing body has recently been strengthened to include two newly elected parent governors. Each governor has a monitoring role, linked to school improvement plan priorities. Each governor also has an opportunity to assess his/her contribution to the work of the governing body, through governor self-evaluation. Succession planning has developed through vice-chairs of each committee and of the governing body as a whole. Governor visits have taken place, where governors have had the opportunity to see aspects of the school in action. Governors are members of the National Governance Association and knowledge and skills are developed through individual and joint training and information sessions.