

Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Acklam Whin Primary School 2017

School Vision/Mission Statement

Preparing our children for their future. Always a chance for everyone.

We have identified five key principles on which our aims and objectives are based.

These five principles are:

- Care, support and opportunity in our children's lives and learning.
- High expectations leading to high achievement
- Securing inclusion for all our children.
- Developing learning teams and learning together
- Sustaining and building on high standards through working in partnership with our stakeholders.

We endeavour to develop the fullest potential of all the children in our care.

The Governing Body of Acklam Whin Primary School has a strong focus on its three core strategic functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school, ensuring value for money and best practice.

Governance arrangements	Name of Governor	Type of Governor	Role	Committee membership	Expiry date of term
	Mrs Loraine Sullivan	Co-opted	Chair of Governors Link governor for EYFS and Finance Link to Co-operative Trust and MAT	Finance and Resources Head Teacher performance appraisal	Autumn 2018
	Mr David Foster	Co-opted	Vice Chair of Governors Link governor for	Finance and Resources (Chair) Head Teacher performance	Autumn 2018

			safeguarding Link to MAT	management	
Mr Darren Gamble	Head Teacher	Head Teacher	Head Teacher	Finance and Resources Raising Achievement	Autumn 2019
Mrs Diane Darby	Co-opted	Link governor for data Link governor for attendance	Link governor for data Link governor for attendance	Raising Achievement (Chair)	Autumn 2018
Mr Brian Payne	Co-opted			Finance and Resources	Autumn 2018
Mr Anthony Laughton	Elected staff			Finance and Resources	Autumn 2018
Mrs Jodie Short	Co-opted	Link governor for safeguarding and LAC	Link governor for safeguarding and LAC	Finance and Resources Raising Achievement	Autumn 2018
Miss Rebecca Rodden	Co-opted	Link governor for school council	Link governor for school council	Raising Achievement	Autumn 2018
Mrs M Brown	Elected parent	Link governor for pupil premium	Link governor for pupil premium	Finance and Resources	Autumn 2018
Mrs G Small	Elected parent			Raising Achievement	Autumn 2018
Ms Ravinder Kaur	Elected parent	Link governor for transition	Link governor for transition	Raising Achievement	February 2021

	Ms Helen Clark	Elected parent		Finance and Resources	February 2021
	Ms Angela King	Elected parent		Raising Achievement	February 2021
	Vacancy	Local Authority			
Key Issues faced and addressed by the Governing Body	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 To assist the Head Teacher in leading the School through the OFSTED process and maintain or improve upon the "Good School" judgement secured in November 2013. 2 To support the Head Teacher and members of staff as the school seeks suitable partners to form a MAT. 3 To support the Head Teacher in ensuring the school is able to offer an excellent 30 hour provision for nursery children where requested from September 2018. This will also help to protect the future intake of pupils into the school. 4 To monitor the progress in writing so that it matches that of reading and mathematics. 5 To monitor the progress of our more able pupils to help increase the number of children securing greater depth across the curriculum. 6 To support the Head Teacher in monitoring the use and development of assessment systems to ensure there is a coherent and consistent approach. 7 To maintain and develop a robust leadership team at the highest level to better equip the school in dealing with major change and whole of school events. 				
Assessment of Impact	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The school has not had an Ofsted inspection this year but we are confident that any matters raised in the last inspection have been addressed and they have been the focus of our school development. 2 The school has started the process of leaving the Middlesbrough Co-operative Learning Trust and has been in collaboration with a host of other primary schools. We are looking at the possibility of a joining a MAT sometime in 2018. This will enable a more formal structure of collaboration with schools that share the same values and objectives. This will in turn help to improve the outcomes for all our children whilst securing a better value for the resources we have. 3 The school has spent some time looking at the best way to deliver the 30 hour provision for nursery aged children and have decided that the best value for money would be to bring in an outside provider. The school is currently tendering this 				

	<p>contract with a view to having the provision in place for September 2017. Although we are keen to secure the best value for money, it is very important that the provider shares the same ethos and values as our school.</p> <p>4 We have seen significant improvement in the writing outcomes for our children and we will continue to monitor this closely to achieve even better results.</p> <p>5 This is still an area of focus for our school. We will continue to support our school to help target and implement strategies for identifying more able children who can achieve learning at greater depth across the curriculum.</p> <p>6 We have been focussing this year on developing our monitoring systems. We now have members of staff who are skilled in moderation at both Key Stages. We have also collaborated with other schools to help develop our assessment systems. We had another external moderation this year which showed some improving results and also gave us clear indications of how we can develop our systems further.</p> <p>7 We have been developing the governing body to ensure we are better equipped to deal with the changes ahead. Governors are expected to take on specific roles and show continued commitment to the school. During this year we have also strengthened our governing body by introducing more parents and more skills.</p>
<p>Future plans for the Governing Body</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to collaborate with other schools and the wider community. • To assist with the smooth implementation of the 30 hours provision for nursery children. • To continue to monitor the progress in writing for all our children to achieve even better results. • To continue focussing on developing our more able children to reach greater depth across the full curriculum. • To continue to develop our monitoring systems • To continue to strengthen the governing body. Using skills audits, we will identify weaknesses and arrange necessary training. We will appoint a SEN governor this year. • To continue to strengthen the leadership team by appointing a deputy head teacher. • To ensure that our 5 key principles of the school remains at the centre of all that we do.
<p>Contact Details</p>	<p>The Governing Body welcomes suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents/carers. Please contact the Chair of Governors c/o the school office.</p> <p>Details of the full Governing Body are on the school website.</p>