



ST ANNE (STANLEY) PRIMARY VA CofE SCHOOL

# GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

**AUTUMN 2016**

This statement covers the work of the governors during the academic year 2015-2016

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## **3 Strategic functions of the governing body are**

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

## **Aims and Commitment**

- We make attendance at Full Governing Body meetings and smaller Committee meetings a priority.
- We all accept that an active involvement is required to get to know the school well and to be able to respond to school activities.
- We will consider our individual and collective need for training and development and will undertake relevant training.
- We strive to work as a team
- We express our views openly and respectfully in all communications and meetings.
- We observe complete confidentiality unless child protection deems it impossible.

## Composition of the Governing Body

The governing body was reconstituted in 2015 and comprises of

1 Local Authority governor appointed by the LEA : Mr Stephen Whittaker

3 Staff governors including the headteacher, 1 teaching staff member and 1 assistant staff member : Mrs Simons, Ms Prior & Mrs Ellison

2 Elected parent governors : Ms Westray-Baird & Mr Jones

7 Foundation governors : Rev Williams, Mr & Mrs Winder, Ms Coyle, Mrs Corrin, Mrs Lynch, Mr Thompson & Ms Winrow

Each governor is linked to a class and has various responsibilities within the school.

### GOVERNING BODY (SEPT 2015)

Name	Responsibilities	Position	Class Links
Rev Emma Williams	Finance, HT review, Buildings, Health & Safety, Child Protection, EYFS, Pupil Premium, Discipline & Staffing	Foundation Chair	Yr 2N & Yr 5F
Mr John Winder	Finance (chair), HT review, Buildings, Health & Safety, Discipline & Staffing	Foundation Vice Chair	Yr 3W
Mrs Julie Simons	Member of all committees	Headteacher	Nursery
Diane Corrin	Standards	Foundation	Yr 5H
Leah Coyle	Finance	Foundation	RB
Jean Lynch	Standards	Foundation	Yr 6H
David Thompson	Finance	Foundation	RR
Moira Winder	SENCO & Standards (chair)	Foundation	Yr 4P
Pat Winrow	Finance, HT review, Buildings, Health & Safety, Discipline & Staffing	Foundation	Yr 6L
Stephen Whitaker	Standards, Child Protection	LEA Governor	Yr 4K
Alex Prior	Standards	Teacher Governor	Yr 1W
Ruth Ellison	Standards & Gift & Talented	Support Staff Governor	Yr 1S
Ms Julie Westray Baird	Standards	Parent Governor	Yr 2L
Mr Jeffrey Jones	Standards	Parent Governor	Yr 3S

## **Committees**

The committees meet three times a year and report back to the Full Governing Body.

### **Finance**

The school budget was approved and despite difficult financial constraints we were able to progress with the permanent hire of a mini bus, the relaying of the floor in early years and taking over of Breakfast Club. The committee considers how Pupil Premium is spent and ensures that it is used in the best way possible, considers staffing implications and also looks at the maintenance and development of the school buildings.

### **Standards**

Considerable time is taken looking at key data giving the results of pupil achievement and progress etc. Learning walks for individual subjects are taken and regular reports from SENCO are received.

### **Headteacher Review**

This committee holds the headteacher to account. Working alongside the SIP, we challenge, support and make sure the headteachers personal aims and objectives are being met and built upon.

## **Chair's Overview**

The academic year 2015-2016 was a busy one as we sought to complete the Government and Ofsted guidelines in 'Getting back to good'. Many extra meetings have taken place throughout the year looking at management and finances, as well as, extra training and development – in particular in Maths and Philosophy for Children. As chair I wish to express my thanks to all staff and governors for making the extra time and being so committed to St Anne (Stanley) Primary School. The progress we have made in such a short space of time gives me great hope for the future.

We have had much to celebrate. We have delighted in the safe arrival of Miss Williams, Mrs Stokes and Ms Melling's babies. We have opened a new school library, achieved the Silver award in the Liverpool Reading Quality Mark, a Bronze PE Award, Bronze Award for our Eco Council, achieved the Inclusion Charter Award and joined with the catering staff in celebrating their Food Services Award. Fabulous work across the school. Well Done!

## **What's next?**

School life never stays still and so looking into the new academic year of 2016/2017 we are seeking to continue to grow as a team to be able to serve the school, staff and, most importantly, the pupils to the very best of our ability. We expect Ofsted at some point this year and so seek to assist the school in 'Getting back to good'. We also aim to progress with the Diocesan 'Church School Partnership Award' - aiming for level 2, achieve the Liverpool Maths Quality Mark and the Arts Gold Standard Mark.