



Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Byerley Park Primary School
February 2019

In accordance with the Government’s requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of Byerley Park Primary School Governing Body are:

- 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;**
- 3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.**

Governance arrangements	<p>The Governing Body of Byerley Park Primary School was re-constituted in 2015 and is made up of 2 staff governors (including the Head Teacher), 3 elected Parent Governors, 1 Local Authority Governor and 8 Co-opted governors. We have recently appointed a new LA Governor following the resignation of a former LA Governor. Co-opted governors are appointed by the Governing Body and are people who, in the opinion of the governing body, have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school: on our Governing Body four of the Co-opted governors are parents, one is a staff member and the remaining three are members of the local community.</p> <p>The full Governing Body meets once each term, and we also have a number of committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail. At Byerley Park we have a Finance, Premises and Grounds Committee (FPG), a School and Community Committee, a Personnel Committee and Pay and Performance Committee. We also have committees that meet if required to consider pupil discipline and appeals.</p>
Attendance record of governors	<p>Governors have good attendance at meetings and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not “quorate” (the number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made). Attendance can be seen on another link.</p>
The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body	<p>The Governing Body has had a particularly busy year, focusing on school improvement, working in partnership with other schools on our quest to become an Outstanding School, along with the aim of maintaining standards across the school in a range of areas of the curriculum.</p> <p>Governors also discuss key data giving the results of pupil achievement and progress, so that we can be sure that the school is on track to fulfil its ambitious targets for all pupils. We are also aware of our “vulnerable groups” of children and focus on how the Pupil Premium Grant is being spent by the school and</p>



	<p>what impact this has on their outcomes.</p> <p>The FPG Committee looks at the maintenance and development of the school premises, and makes decisions about how the school should use the budget. Governors are also committed to ensuring pupils are safeguarded and we have a Nominated Governor for Safeguarding (Mrs Wimbury) who liaises with the Head Teacher about any safeguarding matters. The School Budget remains in a reasonably strong position and it is the role of the Governors to oversee spending and priorities. We are pleased to report that the school can afford to run all current class structures in the next academic year as well as employing a 0.6 PPA Teacher.</p> <p>We are mindful of the regulations around holidays in term time as a result of legislation changes that no longer allow schools to authorise term time holidays. The Governing Body recognises the problem that this may cause for some parents, but we are very pleased that attendance figures at the school have been maintained. The school Office is vigilant in ensuring all parents are accountable for any time taken out of the school term. Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents – you can ask at the school office if you would like to see any of the minutes of our meetings.</p>
Future plans for the governors	<p>Continuation of providing additional funding to each class to enrich curriculum opportunities.</p> <p>A continues drive to improve our outdoor education provision through the use of the Multi-Use Games Area and the construction of a ‘Daily Mile Track’ around the field.</p> <p>Continue to develop the strengthening roles of Governors through monitoring the Subject Leadership Teams’ work.</p> <p>Attendance at relevant courses for groups and individual governors. Governors have recently revised a range of roles and this work will embed into the 2019 – 2020 academic year.</p>
How you can contact the governing body	<p>We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, via the school office. You can see the full list of governors and more information about what we do, on the Governors’ page of the school website.</p>