

Governance Statement - October 2019

Morchain Bishop C of E (VA) Primary School and Morchain Bishop Pre-School Governing Board

Role

The Board of Governors has three core functions:

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

The Headteacher is responsible for the implementation of policy, day-to-day management of the schools and the implementation of the curriculum. All governance duties are carried out in close collaboration with the Head Teacher. Part of the Governors' role is to act as a 'critical friend' to the Head Teacher. Every decision made is made with the best interests of pupils, staff and parents very much in mind.

Morchain Bishop C of E (VA) Primary School is part of The Two Moors Learning Partnership Cooperative Trust with Winkleigh, Kings Nympton, Witheridge and High Bickington Primary Schools.

The Full Governing Board

The Full Governing Board meets six times a year, once every half term with additional meetings as necessary. There are twelve governor positions on the board:

- 1 Headteacher
- 1 member of staff (elected by the staff in the School)
- 1 LEA (appointed by the Governing Board)
- 1 Ex-Officio (Foundation)
- 6 foundation (appointed by the Diocese)
- 2 parents (elected by the parents at the School)

In addition we have three associate members; one sits on the Governing Board and the other two sit on the Teaching and Learning Committee. Associate members support the work of the Governing Board but are not governors.

Committees

There are three main committees, with delegated powers: the Resources and Risk Committee, the Teaching and Learning Committee and the Pay and Performance Committee. The Resources and Risk and Teaching and Learning Committees meet once every half term and the Pay and Performance meet approximately once each term. The associate members have a vote on the Resources and Risk and Teaching and Learning Committee. The Associate Member does not have a vote on the Full Governing Board.

Defined roles for each Committee are outlined in their individual Terms of Reference.

There is also an Ethos Group; the Terms of Reference are provided by the Diocese.

There are two other committees of the Board with delegated powers - the First and Second (Appeals) Committees. We have a reciprocal arrangements with the Governing Board of The Woodland Federation; governors from each Board will sit on these Committees should it be necessary to meet.

You may be interested to read the minutes of recent Full Governing Board meetings which you can view in the Governor section of our Website. Should you wish to attend a Governing Board meeting, you will be very welcome. It would be helpful if you would inform Chris Sargeant, our Headteacher, or any of the governors, if you plan to attend.