

**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Belmont Church of England Primary School 2016**

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of the Governing Body of Belmont Church of England Primary School are:

- 1. To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.**
- 2. To hold the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;**
- 3. To oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.**

**Governance arrangements**

The Governing Body of Belmont C.E. Primary was reconstituted in September 2016 and consists of the following members;

The Headteacher, 1 staff governor, 2 elected parent governors, 1 Local Authority Governor, 3 Coopted Governors, 1 Associate Governors and 2 Foundation Governors.

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese and are people who, in the opinion of the Diocese, have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

One of our Foundation Governors is a parent and the others are active members of the Church Community. The Full Governing Body meets once each term, and we also have committees who meet to consider different aspects of the school in detail.

We have a Finance Committee, which focuses on finance, premises and some personnel matters.

We have a Curriculum and Standards Committee who receive regular updates in relation to progress and the curriculum as well as Special Educational Needs.

We also have committees that meet if required to consider pupil discipline and staffing matters.

<p><b>Attendance record of governors</b></p>	<p>Governors have excellent 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).</p>
<p><b>The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body</b></p>	<p>Our Governing Body has had a very busy year so far. Our focus has been on uniting the Infant and Junior Departments, agreeing the new school building names and introducing our Rainbow promise. We have also been busy with opening our new Nursery in September 2016. The GB is focusing on continuous school improvement and have been preparing for our forthcoming SIAMS and Ofsted inspections.</p> <p>The Curriculum and Standards committee is discussing key data giving the results of pupil achievement and progress, so that we can strive to ensure sure that the school is on track to fulfil its ambitious targets for all pupils.</p> <p>We continue to focus on “vulnerable groups” of children and how the Pupil Premium Grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has on their outcomes.</p> <p>The Finance Committee looks at the maintenance and development of the school premises, and makes decisions about how the school should use its budget. The school has recently had a Health and Safety inspection and Governors are updated on a termly basis in relation to Health and Safety/Security.</p> <p>One of the roles for the governors is reviewing and agreeing school policies, and so far this year we have considered a number of key policies which can be viewed on the school website.</p> <p>Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents – please ask at the school office if you would like to see any of these minutes.</p>

<b>Future plans for the Governing Body</b>	<p>To develop the Governing Body's own self-evaluation skills to enable the GB to have an accurate view of the impact of its work.</p> <p>To further develop the monitoring timetable for Governors to ensure that Governors are up to date with the school improvement plans.</p>
<b>Contact Details</b>	<p>The Governing Body welcomes suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents/carers. Please contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Keith Mallard, c/o the school office.</p> <p>Details of the full Governing Body can be found on the school website.</p>