



Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Board of Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School Academic Year 2017-2018



In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing boards, the three core strategic functions of Middleton St Mary's CE Primary School Governing Board are:

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

Governance Arrangements

The Full Governing Board of Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School is made up of 11 governors as follows:

- (a) 2 parent governors
- (b) 1 Local Authority governor
- (c) 1 staff governor
- (d) 1 Headteacher
- (d) 2 foundation governors
- (e) 4 co-opted governors

In addition, the governing board currently has 3 associate members.

Attendance record of governors

The Full Governing Board met on 8 occasions during the school year: 21 September 2017, 18th October 2017, 5th December 2017, 30th January 2018, 5th March 2018, 25th April 2018, 14th June 2018 and 12th July 2018.

The names of the members of the Governing Board are provided on the school website along with a record of their attendance at meetings of the Full Governing Board during the academic year 2017-2018 <http://www.middletonstmarys.co.uk/key-information/governing-board-information>.

A review of 2017-2018

Members of the Governing Board have continued to work hard to understand all aspects of their role this year and contribute fully to the work of the school.

During the academic year 2017-18, the Governing Board has held the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the pupils through regular and detailed analysis of pupil data. The governors now understand more about the progress of vulnerable groups of children and what is being done to help these children make further progress. We have:

- Improved outcomes for children in phonics and Key Stage 1.
- Improved in-year progress across the school.
- Worked very hard to ensure that pupil data was clearly reported to, and understood by, governors.

During the academic year 2017-18, the Governing Board has overseen the financial performance of the school and made sure its money is well spent. We have:

- Refurbished the whole school, repainting the whole school giving it a more modern feeling;
- Provided ipads for learning in Year 6;
- Purchased new gymnastics equipment with the Sports Premium and trained staff in Real Dance, Real

Gymnastics and Tennis;

- Ensured all children have real life experiences and so have funded Educational Visits and visitors for pupils across the whole school;
- Prioritised the outside area for a much improved and safer learning environment and refurbished the Foundation Stage area to focus on physical development and writing;
- Approved the budget for the year ahead.

During the academic year 2017-18, the Governing Board has contributed to the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school by -

- Leading Worship
- Attending briefings and training
- Carrying out pupil voice surveys
- Supporting events in church
- Supporting the school fayres
- Attending Educational Visits

We follow Leeds City Council's advice on policies and usually choose to adopt their policies. This year we have reviewed and adopted the following policies:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Whistleblowing
- Health and Safety
- Appraisal
- Disciplinary
- Grievance
- Leave of Absence
- Capability

These are referenced in the minutes of the Full Governing Board meetings, many statutory policies are published on the school's website.

Approved minutes of the Full Governing Board meetings are available on the school's website <http://www.middletonstmarys.co.uk/key-information/governing-board-information>

Strategic Planning for the future - Priorities for 2018-2019:

During the academic year 2018-2019, the Governing Board will continue to:

1. Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction to continually improve towards excellence.
2. Hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils through regular and detailed analysis of pupil data; monitoring the progress of the School Development Plan; making visits to the school to offer appropriate challenge and support so that all pupils achieve to the best of their abilities.
3. Oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent on priorities identified in the School Development Plan.

The Governing Board has agreed to maintain a strategic focus on the areas listed above and we will do this by meeting six times a year.

How to contact your Governing Board

Information about the school's governing board is available on the governors' page of the school's website. To contact the Chair of Governors please email j.linsley@talk21.com

**Attendance Record for Middleton St Mary's CE Primary School Governors:
2017-2018 academic year**

**The Full Governing Body met eight times throughout this academic year:
21 September 2017, 18th October 2017, 5th December 2017, 30th January 2018, 5th March 2018, 25th
April 2018, 14th June 2018 and 12th July 2018.**

Name of Governor	Category	Responsibility	Term of office ends
Jan Linsley Chair National Leader of Governance	Co-opted Governor	<i>Headteacher Performance Management JRG Member</i>	15/04/2022
Rob Horne Vice chair	Parent Representative	<i>SEND Headteacher Performance Management JRG Member</i>	04/12/2021
Naomi Wood	Headteacher	<i>Governor Training JRG Member</i>	N/A
Suzanne Aston	Associate Member	<i>SEND JRG Member</i>	20/09/2021
Paul Truswell	LA Representative	<i>Sports Premium</i>	26/06/2020
Daniel Hemming	Associate Governor	<i>JRG Member Pupil Premium</i>	13/06/2022
Andrew Myers	Foundation Representative	<i>Child Protection Diocese Links</i>	26/02/2040
Andrea Render	Foundation Governor	<i>Headteacher Performance Management Early Years Foundation Stage</i>	16/09/2019
Adele Barron	Co-opted Governor	<i>Child Protection Pupil Premium</i>	13/6/2022
Ted Kirk	Staff Governor		21/06/2022
Kim Porter	Associate Member	<i>JRG Chair</i>	21/05/2019
VACANCY	Co-opted Governor		
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VACANCY	PARENT		

NB Governors are required to provide details of business and personal interests. These can be obtained on the school website.