

**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of St Mary's Bolton-on-Swale Church of England Aided Primary School
September 2016 - July 2017**

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of St Mary's Bolton-on-Swale 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

The Governing Body of St Mary's Bolton-on-Swale School was reconstituted on 6 October 2014 and is now made up of:

Two parent governors
One LA governor
One staff governor
Head teacher
Seven foundation governors

The total number is 12

The full Governing Body meets twice each term. In addition, the following committees meet termly with specific areas of focus.

The Resources Committee, which focuses on finance, premises and personnel matters.

The Curriculum Committee which focuses on the monitoring, evaluation and review of curriculum policy including religious education and collective worship, the requirements of pupils with Special Educational Needs and disabilities, statutory requirements relating to assessment, contributions to the School Improvement Plan.

The Admissions Committee which considers admissions criteria and arrangements and usually meets once per year.

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

The Governing Body complete a regular skills audit and give careful consideration to ensuring they have the range of skills required to deliver effective governance and secure the success of the school.

Attendance record of governors

Governors have excellent attendance at meetings and have never cancelled a meeting because it was not "quorate" (the number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made).

A record is kept by the clerk to the Governing Body of governor's attendance at meetings and this is displayed on the school website.

A governor who fails to attend meetings of the Governing Body for a continuous period of six months from the date of the first missed meeting without the formal

consent of the governing body is automatically disqualified from continuing as a governor of that school.

The work we have done in our committees and in the governing body meetings

The Governing Body has once again had a busy year, continuing to focus on school improvement and enriching the spiritual, moral, social and cultural lives of our children.

All our governors have key areas of responsibility and regularly visit school to monitor its work and activities.

Safeguarding is a priority for the governors and we have a Nominated Governor for Safeguarding, Cathy MacNamara, who attends regular training, visits school to complete a safeguarding audit and reports to the Governing Body.

The Curriculum Committee has spent time analysing school performance data, curriculum targets and assessment and reporting procedures to parents. Governors continue to analyse and challenge key data and 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.

The impact of this monitoring this year is evident in the strong academic results achieved by pupils which are above national averages at the end of EYFS, in Y1 phonics, at the end of Y2 and Y6.

The school achieved very strong Y6 results this year with 93% of children attaining expected or above in Reading, Writing and Maths combined compared to national averages of 61%. Academic performance was also high for our most able children with 20% achieving at the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined compared to national averages of 5%.

Pupil Attainment Summary 2017

	School 2017 %	National 2017 %
EYFS % GLD	71.4	70
Phonics Y1 WA%	100.0	81
Phonics Y2 WA% (2 children)	50.0	67
KS1 Reading Exc	80.0	76
KS1 Reading GDS	47.0	25.9
KS1 Writing Exc	80.0	68.8
KS1 Writing GDS	27.0	16.1
KS1 Maths Exc	87.0	75.4
KS1 Maths GDS	33.0	21.1
KS1 RWM Ex+	73.0	60
KS1 RWM GDS	20.0	9
KS2 Reading Exc	100.0	71.0
KS2 Reading High	33.3	19
KS2 Writing Exc	93.3	76.0
KS2 Writing GDS	26.6	15
KS2 Maths Exc	100.0	75.0
KS2 Maths High	33.3	17
KS2 GPS Exc	93.3	77.0
KS2 GPS High	40.0	23
KS2 RWM Ex+	93.3	61.0
KS2 RWM High	20.0	5

Exc =Expected standard GDS= Greater depth in standard (exceeding)

The Governing Body also supports the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our children through its monitoring of Collective Worship and the delivery of Religious Education.

The school achieved an 'Outstanding' SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) following an inspection in November 2016. The full report can be read on the website and the governors are justifiably proud of this achievement.

We monitor our 'vulnerable groups' of children and focus on how the Pupil Premium Grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has on pupil outcomes. Our Sports Premium is used to enhance and develop the provision of high quality PE lessons and extra- curricular clubs in addition to our competition structure. Our Service Pupils Premium supports the emotional well-being of our service children with activities such as our weekly HMS Heroes Club.

One of the roles for the governors is reviewing and agreeing school policies, and this year we have considered a number of key policies, including Sex and Relationships, Behaviour and Good Friendships (Anti Bullying) and E-safety.

Governors shared presentations by key staff on reading comprehension and good practice in EYFS which enabled them to monitor the impact of this in the classroom.

The Resources Committee looks at the maintenance and development of the school premises, and makes decisions about how the school should use the budget. Louise Gigante is our Health and Safety Governor and she carries out termly checks of the premises and meets with our North Yorkshire Health and Safety Advisor. The Resources Committee approved the 2017/18 budget plan for the school and the 3 year forecast.

The Resource Committee updated the Health and Safety and Fire Safety Policies and supported the school in its preparation for a successful Fire Safety Inspection in Summer Term 2017.

A key development during the academic year 2016/17 has been the development of the EYFS and KS1 outdoor area with a canopy being built to create an outdoor classroom and resurfacing of the area.

Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents and are available on request.

Strategic Planning for the future

The Governing Body looks forward to further partnership working with staff, parents, parish, diocese and the local and wider community.

Key areas of focus for the year 2017/18 are:

- To support the school in its self-evaluation against Ofsted Outstanding criteria and to strive for continued excellence in all areas through regular monitoring and feedback. During the academic year 2017/18 each governor will be linked with a year group to enable monitoring of the impact of the whole curriculum. Governors will update their skills audit and access training as appropriate to support their role.

- To continue to promote partnerships with local schools, the Swaledale Alliance and the Diocese
- To support the school in its monitoring and updating of the school website to meet statutory requirements and support effective communication
- To support the school in its monitoring of the impact of the Pupil Premium Strategy

How to contact your Governing Body

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, Clare White, via the school office. You can see the full list of governors; their pen portraits, their link specialisms and committee membership on the governor page of the school website.

Bolton-on-Swale St Mary's CE Aided Primary School Governing Body **Membership at July 2017**

Category	Governor	Term of office expiry date
Chair (Foundation)	Mrs Clare White	12/10/2018
Vice-Chair (Parent)	Mrs Lisa Hutchinson	09/12/2017
Parent	Mrs Louise Gigante	03/03/2020
Staff	Mrs Paula Reynolds	17/11/2017
LA	Mrs Janet Pringle	31/08/2021
PCC Foundation	Revd Y. Callaghan	N/A (ex-officio)
Foundation	Mrs Cathy MacNamara	19/09/2020

Mrs Lesley
Chandler 29/07/2018

Mrs Helen
Richardson 13/12/2019

Mr Robert
Booth

Mr Charles
White 31/08/2020

02/10/2020

Headteacher Mrs N. Dobson N/A (ex-officio)

Clerk Mr J. Spencer N/A

Chair and Vice –Chair of Elected term of Office date 10/10/2016 (for 2 year term
Governors of office)