

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE FEDERATION OF KIRKBY MALZEARD AND ST NICHOLAS C of E SCHOOLS

July 2021

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of the FGB of the Federation of Kirkby Malzeard and St Nicholas C of E Schools 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 governing body is made up of 10 Governors of whom 2 shall be parent governors, 3 co-opted governors, 2 foundation governors, 1 Local Authority governor, 1 staff governor and the Headteacher governor.

A copy of the constitution is held by the Clerk.

To effectively contribute to the governance and success of the Federation the governing body employs a range of attributes in finance, education, business and management helping to provide a strategic view for improvement to ensure accountability and act as a critical friend so that good quality education is provided by the Federation. The governing body has a programme of meetings throughout the school year and governors are linked to specific areas such as standards, finance and buildings, SEND, safeguarding and community engagement.

The work we have done in our link areas and in the governing body meetings:

During the past year we have continued to implement and build upon our Christian vision and values in both schools in order to guide future direction.

We have worked to develop a new nursery provision for St Nicholas in order to bring in new children to Reception and create a sustainable school for the future. This nursery provision is due to open in September 2021 admitting 3 and 4 year old children.

We have considered and set budgets for each of the schools. These budgets have then been routinely monitored throughout the year and submitted to NYCC.

School policies are under continual review and are updated and approved on a programme which runs throughout the year.

Covid 19 has caused significant disruption in our schools and in accordance with government guidance we have provided care for the children of key workers and offered remote learning during periods of school closure. It has also limited the visits into school by the governing body. We have discussed a Covid catch up plan.

Monitoring reports in the following governor link areas have been undertaken and presented to the governing body: Safeguarding, SEND, Finance and Buildings, SIAMS/OFSTED, Community Engagement and Standards.

A survey has been undertaken on staff well being, the results reviewed and a plan formulated based on those results.

We have approved and allocated funds for improvement works to the outdoor areas for the Early Years areas at both schools.

Governor Attendance

A record is kept by the clerk to the governing body of governors attendance at meetings and is set out below:

Carolyn Brown	Local Authority Governor	6/7
Chris Burgess	Co-opted Governor	5/6
Tracey Cole-Brownlee	Parent Governor	6/7
Gemma Pawson	Staff Governor	1/1 (resigned November 2020)
Andrea Spensley	Foundation Governor	6/7
Sarah Taylor	Head Teacher Governor	7/7
Sarah Webster	Foundation Governor	6/7
Lynda Regnier	Parent Governor	2/2 (Resigned December 2020)
Caroline Milne	Parent Governor	3/3
Rebecca Wolfe	Staff Governor	3/4
Laura Wild	Co-opted Governor	4/6

Both Carolyn Brown and Tracey Cole- Brownlee have decided to stand down as governors after a great many years of dedicated service, both to the individual schools and more recently to the federation. We thank them both for the enormous contribution that they have made to the school communities.

How to Contact the Governing Body

Information about the governing body is available on the governor's page of each school's website. Messages may be left at the School's offices, letters addressed to the school sites or the Chair of Governor's may be emailed at cofg@kirkbymalzeard.n-yorks.sch.uk