



## The Governance Statement

### **Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Sheering Primary School September 2019**

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of the Sheering Primary School Governing Body 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 ensuring it's available funds are used effectively.**

#### **Governance arrangements**

The Governing Body of Sheering Primary School has seen a number of changes leading up to the 2019/20 year with some governors coming to the end of their term. The board is supported by new parent governors that have joined the committee as their children took up new places in the school as well as new Governors joining from a community orientated perspective. The Governing Body is supported by a professional clerk.

The full Governing Body meets once each term and twice in the autumn term. There are two further committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail. At Sheering Primary School we have a Resources Committee that focuses on school spending and income, and with the school buildings and grounds and in particular health and safety. There is also a Personnel and Curriculum Committee focusing on some personnel matters as well as matters related to the school curriculum. We also have committees that meet if required to consider pupil discipline and urgent staffing matters such as appointing a new head teacher should that be necessary.

#### **Attendance record of governors**

Governors have good attendance at meetings and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not "quorate" (the number of



	<p>governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made). See p4 for details of individual governors' attendance at meetings.</p>
<p><b>The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body</b></p>	<p>The Governing Body has had a busy year, with continual improvement through the school both in the attainment and progress of pupils, as well as the on-going improvement in the school premises both inside and out .</p> <p>The Ofsted visit in April 2016 confirmed the school's progress as we moved to 'Good'. An excellent improvement in the school's performance and foundation for further improvement during the next year. It is likely we will have another Ofsted visit in this school year.</p> <p>In addition we had a SIAMS visit in the 17/18 year confirming our position as a good church school that meets the needs of all learners with effective religious education and collective worship.</p> <p>Governors run a monitoring day in the spring term which is an opportunity for them to see the school in action and for the students and teachers to interact with Governors. This activity forms a part of the Governors' responsibility to monitor educational performance and to report this back to the Governing board.</p> <p>The Personnel and Curriculum Committee has supported the continued progress of the new curriculum and governors also review and discuss key data giving 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. We are also concerned about our "vulnerable groups" of children and focus on how the Pupil Premium is being spent by the school and what impact this has on their outcomes.</p> <p>The Resources committee ensures that school budgets are used effectively and continually assess health and safety criteria to ensure that the school is a safe and rewarding environment for children. The Governors also consider how the additional Sports Premium has been allocated through the year.</p>



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	<p>Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents – you can either find them on the Governors' page of our website or you can ask at the school office if you would like to see any of the minutes of our meetings.</p>
<p><b>Future plans for the Governors</b></p>	<p>During the 2018/9 school year Governors will be focused on supporting the teaching structure, and will carry on ensuring that continuous improvements are being made at the school in the form of improvements to academic results as well as further enhancements to the school physical environment.</p>
<p><b>How you can contact the governing body</b></p>	<p>We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors via the school office. You can see the full list of governors; their attendance at meetings; minutes of governing body meetings and more information about what we do, on the Governors' page of the school website.</p>

## Sheering Primary School Governors' Attendance Record for 2018-2019

**O – in attendance X - Absent**

<b>Full Governors Board</b>	SEPT18	NOV18	MAR19	JUL19
Louise Ansell	o	o	o	x
Anna Beck	o	o	o	o
Cheryl Bedford	o	o	x	x
Lorna Brittain	o	o	o	o
Pamela Gaines	x	o	o	
Dawn Jewson	x	o	o	x
Vicki jones	x	o	o	o
Andy Kent	o	o	o	x
Ami Leland	x	o	o	x
Paul Newman	x	o	o	o
Jane Potter	o	o	o	x
Steve Townsend	o	o	o	o

<b>Resources Committee</b>	NOV18	MAR19	JUN19
Anna Beck	o	o	o
Lorna Brittain	o	o	o
Vicki Jones	x	o	o
Paul Newman	o	o	o
Steve Townsend	o	o	o



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<b>Personnel and Curriculum Committee</b>	OCT18	FEB19	MAY19
Louise Ansell	x	x	o
Cheryl Bedford	o	x	x
Lorna Brittain	x	x	x
Pamela Gaines	x	o	o
Andy Kent	x	x	o
Ami Leland	x	o	x
Steve Townsend	o	o	o

Mrs Bedford resigned in January 2019, Mrs Leland and Mrs Jones appointed in November and were not appointed to delegated committees until 2019