



## The Governance Statement

### Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Sheering Primary School September 2022

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.**

<p><b>Governance arrangements</b></p>	<p>The Governing Body of Sheering Primary School has seen a number of changes leading up to the 2021/22 year with some long serving 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.</p> <p>The Full Governing Body meets once each term and twice in the autumn term. A Resources committee further considers school spending and income, the school buildings and grounds and in particular health and safety. 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.</p>
<p><b>Attendance record of governors</b></p>	<p>Governors have good 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</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</p>



<b>the governing body</b>	<p>school premises both inside and out.</p> <p>The last two years have been a difficult time for schools as they have had to work around and manage Covid restrictions. Sheering school has consistently provided on site schooling through this period in particular supporting the children of key workers who were unable to keep children at home during 'lockdown'.</p> <p>Governors have also been challenged during this period as on-site visits and meetings were highly restricted and thereby normal levels of engagement between governors and teachers were difficult to maintain albeit online meetings and committees have been possible. Going forward we are looking forward to a return to on-site Full Governor Board meetings alongside 'virtual' Resources meetings. We have made the decision not to have a Personal and Curriculum committee instead including these topics into the Full Governors Board meeting.</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 and Covid and other special funding has been allocated through the year.</p> <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>
<b>Future plans for the Governors</b>	<p>During the 2022/23 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>
<b>How you can contact the governing body</b>	<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 2021-22

**O – in attendance X - Absent**