

**The Governing Body of Newby & Scalby Primary School**  
**Annual Governance Statement (v1.0)**  
**(including Register of Governor Interests)**  
**31<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

**INTRODUCTION**

This annual governance statement covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015. In this annual statement “governing body” is taken to mean, “The Governing Body of Newby & Scalby Primary School.”

**CORE STRATEGIC FUNCTIONS**

In accordance with the Government’s requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of the governing body are:-

- 1) *Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;*
- 2) *Holding the Headteacher to account (being a critical friend) 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 Newby and Scalby Primary School was re-constituted on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015, and is now made up of fourteen governors as follows:-

- a) *Five Parent governors;*
- b) *One Local Authority governor;*
- c) *One Staff governor;*
- d) *Headteacher;*
- e) *Six Co-opted governors.*

The governing body has a number of committees which meet regularly and focus on specific areas of governance. These committees/meetings are as follows:-

- a) *Full governing body;*
- b) *Strategic Overview committee;*
- c) *Finance and Human Resources committee;*
- d) *Pupil performance committee;*
- e) *Premises committee (ad hoc sub-committee of Full Governing Body, meeting as necessary and annually for a premises inspection).*

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<b>KEY ISSUES ADDRESSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY DURING THIS PERIOD</b>	<b>IMPACT ASSESSMENT</b>
Dealing with problems related to increasing pupil numbers.	Work has been carried out with the Local Authority to create a strategic approach to address the demands that result from being a popular school.
Reviewing the school action plan and mission statement to ensure that pupil performance continues to improve and that the new statutory requirement to change the curriculum and assessment systems are in place.	Outcomes for pupils have improved since the previous year which was a successful one. A new curriculum is in place that has been well received by all stakeholders. The new assessment system is ready to implement from September.
Strategically ensuring that the school is well placed within the local alliance of schools to utilise collaborative work to improve outcomes for pupils and staff.	Being a strategic partner in the Scarborough Teaching Alliance has presented significant opportunities to develop leadership and research-based improvements for staff and pupils.
The Pupil Performance Committee has undertaken detailed analysis of data and refined practices as a result.	The leadership team has been effectively held to account and practices have been refined to improve outcomes for pupils as evidenced in performance data, including that for vulnerable pupils. (Evidenced by data for pupils receiving Pupil Premium funding.)
Ensuring that the established school ethos is maintained and that "British Values" are effectively recognised.	Despite substantial changes to the statutory requirements placed on schools nationally, the governors are confident that the positive and inclusive ethos has been maintained.
Financial procedures and benchmarking have been reviewed and long term budgets have been set.	Governors are confident that the school delivers good value for money despite being relatively under-funded when compared with similar schools elsewhere. In the long term the governors are aware that efficiencies will have to be made to ensure that current levels of service can be maintained.
Improvements to the fabric of the building and learning facilities including, a new heating system, reorganisation of office facilities, KS2 cloakrooms and reviews of maintenance contracts.	Increased operational efficiency and health and safety issues have been addressed. Financial limitations resulted in the KS2 cloakrooms having to be delayed until next year but the work will be undertaken.

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Maintained an oversight of the working practices within the school through visits, volunteering and attending meetings.	Governors are in a strong position to hold the Headteacher to account on the performance of the school.

Minutes of Governing Body Meetings are available on request. (See below)

**GOVERNING BODY MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Term of Office Expiry</b>	<b>Committee Membership</b>	<b>Posts Held</b>
Jo Holborn	Parent	15/02/19	PPC	
Holly Large	Parent	15/02/19	PPC	
Louise Scott	Parent	28/09/17	F&HRC	
Joanna Walker	Parent	02/10/17	F&HRC	
<i>(vacant)</i>	Parent	n/a		
Jim Martin	LA	31/08/17	SOC F&HRC	Chair of GB, SOC and F&HRC
Gill Deller	Staff	29/09/17	PPC	
Chris Knowles	Headteacher	None	SOC / F&HRC	
Dale Corcoran	Co-opted	28/06/19	SOC / PPC	Chair of PPC
Paul Davidson	Co-opted	28/06/19	SOC / F&HRC / PPC	
Gill Kendall	Co-opted	28/06/19	SOC / PPC	Vice-chair of GB
Carol Snow	Co-opted	28/06/19		
<i>(vacant)</i>	Co-opted	n/a		
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**Notes/Key:**

- *The Local Authority (LA) governor is proposed by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and accepted/rejected by the governing body.*
- *Elections are held for parent and staff governors*
- *The Headteacher has an automatic place on the governing body.*
- *Co-opted governors are appointed by the governing body*
- *SOC = Strategic Overview Committee*
- *F&HRC = Finance & HR Committee*
- *PPC = Pupil Performance Committee*
- *GB = Governing Body*

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**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

The governor meeting attendance record for the period is 82%, rounded to the nearest whole figure. (One ex-governor's non-attendance at meetings following appointment had an adverse effect.)

The attendance record is calculated taking into account the following meetings:-

- a) *Full governing body*
- b) *Strategic Overview Committee*
- c) *Finance and HR Committee*
- d) *Pupil Performance Committee*

**REGISTER OF GOVERNOR INTERESTS**

Name	Name of Business	Nature of Interest	Nature of Interest	Date of Appointment or Acquisition
Jo Holborn	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
Holly Large	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
Louise Scott	Create Logic Ltd.	Outsourcing admin. business consultancy	Director	02/06/14
Joanna Walker	YH Training Services Ltd.	Independent training provider	Provision of activities for Fun Factory	23/10/13
Jim Martin	Gallows Close Centre Ltd.	Community Building	Chair of Board of Directors	01/09/13
Gill Deller	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chris Knowles	Kirbymoorside golf club	Golf club	Committee member	01/10/13
Dale Corcoran	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paul Davidson	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gillian Kendall	Gallows Close Centre Ltd.	Community Building	Director	01/09/14
Carol Snow	Newby & Scalby Parish Council	Councillor		29/06/15

**HOW TO CONTACT YOUR GOVERNING BODY**

Phone the school office on 01723-365686 and they will pass your details to the relevant member of the governing body.