

The Governing Body of Newby & Scalby Primary School
Annual Governance Statement
31st July 2016

INTRODUCTION

This annual governance statement covers the period 1st August 2015 to 31st July 2016. 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 is 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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KEY ISSUES ADDRESSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY DURING THIS PERIOD	IMPACT ASSESSMENT
The Pupil Performance Committee has closely monitored the introduction of the revised National Curriculum.	The work of the committee on behalf of the Governing Body has ensured that the school is well placed to deliver the raised expectations within the revised National Curriculum and is confident that the work undertaken by the teaching team will lead to the school delivering higher standards of achievement for pupils within a two-year period.
Increasing the capacity of our Inclusion Team to support pupils and families which are facing challenges of any sort.	The governors approved the recommendation from the Leadership Team that, in order to address emerging challenges arising from the change in the school's demographic; the Inclusion team would be made up of three full time members of staff. The pupil performance committee has seen evidence of the impact of this improvement to provision and the Leadership Team report an increase in the number of pupils supported to enable them to make progress. Pupils who benefit from Pupil Premium funding make good or better progress.
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. Further work is planned to integrate the relatively new requirements within the existing curriculum plans.
The Finance and HR Committee has focused on ensuring that real-term budget cuts have not had an adverse effect on service delivery.	The Governors prepared an "austerity budget" to make sure that they could meet the challenges of budget cuts whilst supporting the Headteacher to make in-year savings. As a result of this prudent action, the school was able to maintain staffing levels for teaching and learning into 2016/17 and ensure that the school did not have a significant deficit within the longer term budget plans.
The Pupil Performance Committee have scrutinised plans to introduce a new assessment system following the removal of levels.	The committee report that the school is well placed to track the progress and attainment of all pupils following the adoption of STATOnline as a product. The committee has shaped the reporting methods to ensure that the successes of the previous system are retained and that the opportunities within the new system are fully embraced.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERSHIP

Name	Category	Term of Office Expiry	Committee Membership	Posts Held
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	SOC / F&HRC	Chair of F&HRC
Rachel Wells	Parent	28/01/20	PPC	
Jim Martin	LA	31/08/17	SOC F&HRC	Chair of GB & SOC
Gill Deller	Staff	29/09/17	PPC	
Chris Knowles	Headteacher	None	SOC / F&HRC	
Dale Corcoran	Co-opted	22/07/16	SOC / PPC	Chair of PPC Resigned
Paul Davidson	Co-opted	28/06/19	SOC / F&HRC / PPC	
Gill Kendall	Co-opted	28/06/19	SOC / PPC	Vice-chair of GB
Louisa Oakley	Co-opted	24/11/19	F&HRC	
Deborah Wiles	Co-opted	24/11/19	F&HRC	
(vacant)	Co-opted	n/a		

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

ATTENDANCE RECORD

The governor meeting attendance record for the period is 85%, rounded to the nearest whole figure.

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

- Full governing body
- Strategic Overview Committee
- Finance and HR Committee
- Pupil Performance Committee

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REGISTER OF GOVERNOR INTERESTS

Name	Name of Business	Nature of Business	Nature of Interest	Date of Appointment or Acquisition
Joanne Holborn	McCain Foods Ltd.	Food supply	May supply product to school	Nov. 2005
Holly Large	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
Louise Scott	Create Logic Ltd.	Administration and business support	Director	02/06/14
Joanna Walker	Scarborough VI Form College			20/08/15
Rachel Wells	IRIS Heating	Plumbing & heating	Spouse business	2001
Rachel Wells	West Heslerton CE Primary School	School	Headteacher	2001
Jim Martin	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gill Deller	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chris Knowles	Kirkbymoorside golf club	Golf club	Committee member & Director	01/10/13
Dale Corcoran	Newby & Scalby Primary School	School	Spouse is a teaching assistant	01/09/15
Dale Corcoran	Caedmon College Whitby	School	Teacher	01/09/15
Paul Davidson	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gillian Kendall	Gallows Close Centre Ltd.	Community Building	Director	01/09/14
Louisa Oakley	Newby & Scalby Primary School	School	Sister-in-law Esther Pashby is a teaching assistant	25/02/16
Deborah Wiles	None	n/a	n/a	n/a

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR GOVERNING BODY

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

Minutes of Governing Body Meetings are available on request.

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