

Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Board of Buckton Vale Primary School Autumn 2015

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing boards, the 3 core strategic functions of Buckton Vale Primary School Governing Board are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, values and strategic direction, including long term and succession planning;
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	<p>In line with Government requirements the Governing Board reviewed its composition and reconstituted with effect from September 2015.</p> <p>The Governing Board of Buckton Vale Primary School is now made up of 4 Parent governors, the Headteacher, 1 Local Authority governor, 1 Staff governor and 5 Co-opted governors.</p> <p>The full Governing Board meets at least once each term and also holds dedicated training sessions. There are a number of Committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail. Buckton Vale has a Curriculum & Standards Committee and a Finance, Personnel & Premises Committee. Other Committees meet if required to consider pupil discipline and staffing matters.</p>
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Attendance Record	<p>Governors have an excellent attendance record at meetings and no full Governing Board meeting has been cancelled because it was not "quorate" (the number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made).</p>
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The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body	<p>The Governing Board has had a particularly busy year, most importantly focusing on whole school improvement following the Ofsted inspection in June 2014. Ofsted reported: "Governors hold the school to account robustly for its performance and have played an active role in driving improvements. The governing body is very supportive of the work of the school and has a well-informed awareness of achievement and the quality of teaching. Governors are recruited according to their skills and the governing body has been well placed in the last year to drive up standards and improve the quality of teaching. The headteacher ensures that information given to governors is accurate and governors challenge the school regularly about its performance. Governors understand how to use teachers' performance management to improve the quality."</p> <p>Governors have spent time considering the introduction of the new primary curriculum and associated assessment arrangements. Detailed discussions have taken place on key data giving the results of pupil achievement and progress in order to be sure that the school is on track to fulfil its ambitious targets for all pupils. Particular consideration has been given to the needs of "vulnerable groups" of children with a focus on how the Pupil Premium Grant is being spent and what impact this has on children's outcomes.</p> <p>In the spring term, the FGB approved the 2015/16 budget plan for the school. The priority of the budget is focused on securing outstanding teaching and excellent pupil progress.</p> <p>The Governing Board is responsible for the renewal of policies & procedures. These have been updated in accordance with new legislation. They can be seen on the school website.</p>
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Future plans for the governors	<p>Following reconstitution, the Governing Board is considering the skills, qualities and experience required in governors who will be recruited to fill current vacancies.</p> <p>The Governing Board will continue review the terms of reference for all Committees to ensure effective monitoring of all aspects of school provision.</p>
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	The Governing Board is working closely with staff with the aim to be outstanding at the next inspection.
How you can contact the governing body	We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact our Chair of Governors, Mr Stephen Noble, via the school office. A full list of governors and more information about the school can be found at www.bucktonvale.org.uk