

Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Burnhope Primary School 2020

School Vision/Mission Statement

We aim to provide the highest standards of teaching and learning to ensure spiritual, moral, cultural, social, intellectual and physical development of all our pupils within a secure and stimulating environment.

Governing Body

The Governing Body of Burnhope Primary School has a strong focus on its three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governance Arrangements

The Governing Body of Burnhope Primary School has 14 members and comprises:

- 4 Parent Governors
- 1 LA Governor
- 1 Staff Governor
- 1 Headteacher Governor
- 7 Co-opted Governors

Governors are usually appointed for a term of office lasting 4 years. The Clerk of Governors is provided by the School and Governor Support Service (SGSS) through a Service Level Agreement with the Local Authority.

The full Governing Body meets once each term. We also have the following Committees who meet according to their terms of reference:

- Curriculum and Standards
- Finance
- Health and Safety
- Personnel
- Pupil Discipline
- Appeals
- Hearings/First
- Headteacher's Performance Review

Minutes of meetings are presented at the full Governing Body meetings.

The Governing Body acts as a 'critical friend' to the Headteacher: supportively challenging and challengingly supportive.

Attendance record of Governors

All meetings are very well attended. We have never had to cancel a meeting because it was not 'quorate' (the number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made).

Governor Responsibilities

Governors all bring different strengths to the Governing Body and take responsibility for a specific area, eg Health and Safety, Child Protection.

Attendance at governor training is undertaken by our governors ensuring that they are knowledgeable, informed and able to discharge their duties effectively.

Key Issues for the Governing Body

- To raise pupil attainment in maths, writing and reading in line with peers.
- To regularly review data provided by the Headteacher concerning pupil achievement and progress, to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupil.
- To make the appointment of two Teaching Assistants to commence January 2017.

Future Plans for the Governing Body

- Maintain and enhance the skills of Governors by on-going attendance at governor training sessions.
- To continue and increase Governor monitoring visits in school.
- To continue to challenge the school to achieve the very best outcomes for all pupils.

Contact Details

The Governing Body welcomes suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents/carers. Please contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Alan Gibson c/o the school office.

Details of the full Governing Body are on the school website.