



Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of

Ebchester CE Primary School September 2022

School Vision

At Ebchester CE Primary School, we believe that everyone is unique and valued by God. We create a **nurturing**, challenging and empowering community rooted in a sense of compassion, friendship and respect. We aspire to provide an outstanding education for our pupils, underpinned by strong Christian values so that our pupils can **grow** into **successful** learners, resilient individuals and responsible citizens.

In accordance with the Government's requirements for all Governing Bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of Ebchester CE Primary School are:

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

Governance Arrangements

The full governing body consists of the following people who have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of our school:

- 1 Local Authority Governor
- 2 Foundation Governor
- 5 Co-opted Governors
- 2 Parent Governors
- 1 Staff Governor
- The Headteacher

The full governing body meets once a term.

There are also a number of committees to consider different aspects of the school in more detail.

- Finance, Premises and Staffing Committee – look in greater detail at the school budget, financial planning and consider the upkeep of the building and premises.
- Performance Management – meet annually to discuss the headteacher's performance in relation to previously agreed targets.
- First/ Pay Review Committee – meet annually to consider any pay awards.
- Appeal Committee – meet when required. The committee is formed with members of the governing body that were not

	<p>involved in any original decisions that may have led to an appeal being lodged.</p> <p>Individual governors have areas of special interest and visit or liaise with the school in order to monitor and keep informed and updated. All minutes and notes of visit are shared with all governors at full governing body meetings.</p> <p>Governors are encouraged to attend training events as individuals or as a full governing body in order to support and offer challenge to the school.</p>
<p>Attendance Record of Governors</p>	<p>Governors have a good record of attendance at meetings and there have been no occasions where meetings have been cancelled because they have not been 'quorate'.</p>
<p>Key issues faced and addressed by the Governing Body this year with assessment of impact</p>	<p>The Governing Body regularly oversees the school budget, including the impact of support for children who receive Pupil Premium funding. There is a Sports Premium Governor who reviews the use of the Sports Premium funding in the school.</p> <p>The school budget and additional funding have been used to enhance school provision including the upgrading of all interactive whiteboards in all teaching areas.</p> <p>Sports Premium funding was used, in part, to subsidise the Y3/4 and Y5/6 residential trips for junior pupils.</p> <p>Governor support has been invaluable in the planning and the preparation of detailed curriculum plans and the teaching of phonics in response to the Ofsted feedback in our last report.</p> <p>The Governing Body review data about school reports and pupil progress on a regular basis and Governors are aware of how the School Improvement Plan is addressing key issues. There is a rolling programme of review of school policies.</p>
<p>Future plans for the Governing Body</p>	<p>Training has been organised for the Governing Body in relation to the changes in the Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022 document.</p> <p>Further training has also been arranged for later in the academic year around the areas of governor monitoring and also online safety.</p> <p>Governors will continue to have involvement with the planning and implementation of curriculum plans across all areas of the curriculum.</p> <p>The Governing Body will continue to have active involvement in the monitoring and support of objectives on the SIP.</p>

Contact Details

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

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