Our Governing Body

Revd Sharon Potter Chair of Governors/DBE Foundation Governor

Mr James Scott Vice Chair of Governors

Mr Dick Bayes Co-opted Governor

Mrs Christine Stainer Co-opted Governor

Mr Norman Kelly Diocesan Board of Education Foundation Governor

Mrs Joanne Walton Local Authority Governor

Mrs Viola King Parent Governor

Mrs Trudie Harkin Headteacher

Miss Amy Perkins Staff Governor

Mrs Kristina Green Parent Governor

More information about the remit of individual governors can be found below.

The Full Governing Body will meet on the following dates in the next academic year:

Weds 20 Sep 2017

Weds 29 Nov 2017

Weds 24 Jan 2018

Weds 14 March 2018

Weds 16 May 2018

Weds 4 July 2018

Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body works with the Headteacher to provide the strategic lead in the school and has an important role to play in ensuring every child reaches their full potential.

Individual governors have no power or responsibility. It is only the full governing body which has legal duties and powers and all governors share in that corporate responsibility. Governors are here to govern rather than manage and do not intervene in the day-to-day management of the school, unless there is something seriously wrong. If there is a weakness in the school the Governing Body takes action. The day-to-day management of the school is the responsibility of the Headteacher and staff.

The Governing Body's key roles are:

- to provide strategic direction for the school. For example through the development and monitoring of the School Development Plan
- To act as a critical friend to the Headteacher
- To ensure accountability. For example through agreeing and monitoring the budget, and monitoring standards and progress in achievement.
- To ensure the school provides for all its pupils, including those with special needs.

The Governing body is at the heart of how a school operates. It is important that it gets things right and acts with honesty and integrity. It has to be prepared to both support and challenge the Headteacher to help decide what is best for the pupils. It undertakes its own regular self-evaluation and training to ensure that each member is up to date and provides the very best they can for the school.

The Governing Body is made up of volunteers, with members representing a range of interest and professions, each with different gifts and skills. It aims to provide a representative group of the local community.

Committees of the Governing Body Committee Chair Remit Finance and Personnel Mr James Scott To work with the Headteacher and Burser on developing the school budget (to include cost actions included in the School Development Plan), to monitor expenditure against that budget and to monitor financial processes within the

school. To work with the Headteacher on personnel matters including staff appointments, discipline, capability procedures and dismissals, monitoring of staff well-being and pay policy

Premises (incl. Health & Safety)	Mr Dick Bayes	To work with the Headteacher on setting premises priorities, including Health and safety, for the maintenance and development of the school site and premises. To work with the Headteacher and Finance Committee in overseeing premises-related expenditure.
Pupil Discipline	Mr Norman Kelly	To review Pupil exclusions following representations from parents. This committee is only convened when required by circumstance.
Appeals	Mr James Scott	To consider staff appeals against disciplinary action, dismissal or selection for redundancy. This committee is only convened when required by circumstance
Hearings	Mrs Joanne Walton	To manage formal complaints to the governing body and disciplinary/capability procedures for the Headteacher.
		This committee is only convened when required by circumstance

Revd Sharon Potter		
Date of appointment	20 th February 2012	
Term of office	n/a	
Position	Foundation Governor, ex officio as local incumbent	
Other governance roles	Long Melford CEVC Primary School (Diocesan MAT appointed)	
Business and pecuniary interests	None	
Committees	Finance and Personnel	
	Premises	
Other responsibilities	Chair of Governors	
	Headteacher's Performance Review	
	RE & Collective Worship	
	PHSE	
Full Governing Body meeting attendance 2016	6/6	

Mr James Scott		
Date of appointment	8 th December 2016	
Term of office	4 years	
Position	Parent Governor	
Other governance roles	None	
Business and pecuniary interests	None	
Committees	Finance and Personnel	
	Hearings	
	Appeals	
	Premises	
Other responsibilities	Vice-chair of Governors	
	Numeracy	
	Computing	
	Able, gifted and talented	
Full Governing Body meeting attendance 2016	4/6	

Mr Dick Bayes	
Date of appointment	1 st September 2015

Term of office	4 years
Position	Co-opted Governor
Other governance roles	None
Business and pecuniary interests	None
Committees	Appeals
	Premises
Other responsibilities	Art
	Early Years
	Outdoor learning
	Health & Safety
Full Governing Body Meeting Attendance 2016	6/6

Mrs Christine Stainer		
Date of appointment	17 th May 2016	
Term of office	4 years	
Position	Co-opted Governor	
Other governance roles	None	
Business and pecuniary interests	None	
Committees	Pupil Discipline	
	Premises	
Other responsibilities	Design and Technology	
Full Governing Body Meeting attendance 2016	4/6	

	Dr Norman Kelly	
Date of appointment	16 th May 2016	
Term of office	4 years	
Position	DBE Foundation Governor	

Other governance roles	None
Business and pecuniary interests	None
Committees	Finance and Personnel
	Appeals
	Pupil Discipline
	Headteacher's Performance Review
Other responsibilities	Geography
	History
	Science
Full Governing Body meeting attendance 2016	5/6

Mrs Joanne Walton	
Date of appointment	14 th October 2016
Term of office	4 years
Position	Local Authority Governor
Other governance roles	None
Business and pecuniary interests	None
Committees	Hearings
	Head Teachers Performance Review
Other responsibilities	SEN
	Safeguarding
	Pupil Premium
	Online Safety
Full Governing Body Meeting attendance 2016	5/6

Mrs Viola King	
Date of appointment	25 th February 2014
Term of office	4 years
Position	Parent Governor
Other governance roles	None
Business and pecuniary interests	None
Committees	Curriculum
	Pupil Discipline
Other responsibilities	Modern Foreign Languages
	Literacy
	Music
Full Governing Body Meeting attendance 2016	5/6

Mrs Kristina Green	
Date of appointment	26 th June 2015
Term of office	4 years
Position	Parent Governor
Other governance roles	None
Business and pecuniary interests	None
Committees	Finance and Personnel
Other responsibilities	Design and Technology
	Pupil Premium
Full Governing Body Meeting attendance 2016	6/6