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Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of
Cliffe VC Primary School
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In accordance with the requirements for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of Cliffe VC Primary School Governing Body are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
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

The governing Body of Cliffe VC Primary School is made up of:

- 3 parent governors
- 1 local authority governor
- 1 staff governor
- Headteacher
- 2 foundation governors
- 4 co-opted governors

Foundation governors are appointed by The Mary Waud Foundation.

For an effective governing body and the success of the school, a range of skills are required by governors and co-opted governors are chosen for the skills which they can bring to the school. Only parent governors are subject to a voting system.

The governing body has a programme of meetings throughout the school year, and a committee structure that focuses on specific areas of governance. At Cliffe School we have two committees, one for Finance and related items such as personnel and premises, the other committee is Achievement which focuses on the curriculum, teaching and learning and children's progress. There are four full Governing Body meetings per year and a minimum of six committee meetings.

We also have a Rapid Improvement Group which focuses primarily on the Ofsted action points and meets at least once a month. This group comprises, Mary Lumley, Carole Middleton and Mrs Hay.

All the committees report directly to the full Governing Body. Meetings have to be quorate to ensure that decisions can be made.

The work we have done this year in committees and in the governing body meetings:

This year we have been continuing to work on the Ofsted Action Plan which sets the priorities for improvement identified by Ofsted in 2014:

- Improve the quality of teaching throughout the school so that it is at least good
- Raise standards in writing and mathematics
- Strengthen the effectiveness of Leaders and Managers at all levels.

Considerable progress has been made in all the areas of the plan and other areas for development have also been included in the School Improvement Plan for 2015-2016 which further support the Ofsted priorities.

- To improve standards across the school resulting in pupils making at least good progress within the academic year
- To introduce growth mindset in order to improve behaviour for learning

- To attain Investors in Pupils Award
- To develop mastery of the curriculum for higher attaining pupils
- To develop Global Learning within the school curriculum

The Governing Body closely monitors the School Improvement Plan at each Governors Meeting and during our visits to school.

We also have our own 3-5 year strategic plan for improvement to:

- Improve communication at all levels
- Raise standards and aspirations
- Become outstanding
- Ensure building fit for purpose
- Further develop the new curriculum and enrichment opportunities

The school has worked in collaboration with other local schools and with the Local Authority in order to learn and share best practise and to moderate and seek clarification in an ever changing educational world. Governors have also improved their skills and kept up to date by attending training, conferences and meetings with governors from other schools.

Cliffe School has made great improvements this year and put in place many strategies to secure a better education for the children. Some have brought short term gains, others will take time to show impact. We are confident, however, that Cliffe is an improving school and we are all committed to ensuring a judgement of 'good' in the not too distant future.

A summary of the Action Plan for 2016-2017 will be available on the school website in September 2016.

Minutes of the Full Governing Body are available on the school website.

We value the views of parents and you may email me personally (Carole Middleton Chair) cmmiddleton30@gmail.com or contact any of us through school.

Cliffe VC School Governing Body – Membership

Governor	Responsibilities	Category	Date of expiry of office
Mrs C Middleton	Chair of Governors & Safeguarding Computing	Co-opted Governor	20/04/2019
Mrs M Lumley	Vice Chair EYFS, Pupil Premium, SEN	Co-opted Governor	20/04/2019
Mr A Jacques		Foundation Governor	14/08/2016
Mr M Jordan	Science	Foundation Governor	25/02/2019
Mrs K McSherry	Phonics, Read Write inc, Art & Design	LA Governor	31/08/2017
Mr J Dunwell	Chair of Finance	Parent Governor	31/10/2016
Mr A Pickles	Website	Parent Governor	30/09/2019
Mr R Abbott	Health & Safety History, Geography	Parent Governor	31/10/2016
Mr A Price	Staff Governor	Staff Governor	17/07/2018
Mrs S Hay	Headteacher	Staff Governor	n/a
Mr M Whattam	English	Co-opted Governor	30/04/20
Mr R Allan	P.E.	Co-opted Governor	31/08/20

Vacancies:

Parent Governor elections to take place in October 2016