

## Governors' Update – January 2017

Core functions of the Governing Board:

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

Our Governing Board consists of Headteacher, staff governor, 2 parent governors, 2 Foundation governors (appointed by the Parochial Church Council), 1 Local Authority governor, 4 co-opted governors.

We have vacancies for a parent governor, a Foundation governor and a co-opted governor.

Each of our termly governors' updates will focus on one of the core functions. This first update focuses on strategic direction and the priorities for 2016/2017 school year

As in previous years, the governors and staff met together to review progress towards last year's priorities and decided on those for this year. Although we have three main targets we also closely monitor the progress of children in all areas of the curriculum. We are continually developing the leadership skills of staff and the teaching of phonics.

One of the governors' roles is to monitor progress towards our school priorities and help to evaluate their impact on pupil attainment and progress. To enable them to do this, governors visit school regularly and talk to staff and children, look at children's work and observe in class.

The governors can be contacted through school. If you wish to express an interest in the role of parent governor, please let Mrs Bentley or Mr Simper know.

Elaine Bean  
Chair of Governors