

Governors Annual Statement 2018/2019

Brookvale Primary School

In accordance with the Government's requirements for all Governing Bodies, the three strategic functions of Galliard's Governing Body are:-

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Head teacher 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 Body consists of ten members who have the skills and expertise required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

As governors we provide challenge to the school by holding the head teacher and senior leaders to account for improving the quality of teaching, learning and school performance. We achieve this through questioning, regular monitoring and analysis of data on children's performance and progress. Governors hold the head teacher to account for the performance management of teachers. The head teacher's performance management is conducted by governors and an outside professional.

Governing Body considers-

- Standards, attainment and progress of all year groups
- The School Development Plan and School's Improvement Plan
- Attendance and punctuality
- Safeguarding
- Staffing
- Budget & Finance
- Support for children with special educational needs
- Pupil Premium allowance and its impact on pupils
- Health & Safety for premises and stakeholders

Here are some of the ways in which the Governing Body impact on the strategic management of the school:-

School Development Plan (SDP)

Senior leaders share the School Development Plan with governors so we are able to identify and monitor progress made towards the key area objectives. The current SDP is based on priorities identified from data. The SDP is reviewed and monitored termly and discussed at governor's meetings.

Policies

Governors review all relevant policies on a programmed basis to ensure that all guidance is current and up to date. Special attention is paid to ensure that the school complies with the Department of Education's mandatory policy list and the Local Authorities recommended list and this is also reflected on the school's website.

Data

Data is made available to governors through termly meetings followed by question and answer sessions with the head teacher and members of the senior leadership

team enabling the governors to benchmark their data against similar schools, the Local Authority and schools nationally. Emphasis is placed on pupil progress across all ability groups including vulnerable groups and on the effective use of our Pupil Premium Grant.

Finance

Members of the governing body have attended training on school finance management. The impact of the governor's role in the school ensures that the budget is managed effectively through regular review.

Governor Visits & Training

Governors are invited to visit the school regularly to ensure the priorities of the school are evident and to understand more effectively the key issues on the SDP. A visit report form is completed and reported back to relevant governing body meeting for discussion. Governors bring a variety of expertise to the school and this helps to ensure the school is moving forward. Governors attend a variety of training to enable them to perform their roles effectively.

Attendance

Governor attendance is good and any absences are explained and accepted by the governing body. There is a good level of commitment shown by all members of the governing body. A full list of governor attendance is available on the school's website.

Our Plans for 2019/2020

As identified in the SDP, our focus for the strategic development of the school will be:

- To develop and deliver an effective and inspiring curriculum across the whole school that meets the needs of all our pupils
- To develop vocabulary, reading and writing skills.
- To continue to use assessment data to ensure a greater percentage of pupils remain on track and make at least expected or better progress in reading, writing and maths
- To ensure that Governors are fully informed and familiarised themselves with the OFSTED framework.

You can see a full list of governors, their attendance at meetings and other information on the Governor's page of the school website.