

Kelsall Primary School

Governors Annual Impact Statement

2017 – 18

September 2018

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all boards of governors, the three core strategic functions of Kelsall Primary School's Local 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, and
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governance arrangements

The Local Committee at Kelsall Primary School consists of:

- Principal
- Staff Governors x 3
- Parent Governors x 3
- Co-Opted Governors x 7

The local governing body committee meets at least three times each year with delegated matters being dealt with by the Resources Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee.

This year we have welcomed Helen Simpson and Christian Southall as new parent governors and renewed the term of office of Harry Ziman (co-opted governor) for a further four years.

In 2017 – 18, the local committee considered the merits of moving to a single committee structure for governance arrangements but agreed that the current structure meets the needs of the school and enables the governing body to fulfil its obligations in an effective and efficient way.

Attendance record of governors

The attendance for meetings across Kelsall Primary School's local governing body for 2017 / 18 was 75%. Details of the attendance of school governors can be found on the school website.

The work that we have done in 2017 – 18

The significant area of development which has included work by the Governing Body is the proposed merger with Kelsall Preschool. Discussions between representatives from Preschool, school staff and governors have met regularly throughout 2017 – 18 and an application has been made to the Regional Schools Commissioner to increase the age range at Kelsall Primary School to 2 – 11.

The local governing body believes that the proposed increase in age range will benefit the local community, offer continuity of provision from an earlier age, enable the school to engage with vulnerable families earlier and provide improved facilities for our youngest pupils.

In addition to the work undertaken in respect of the merger, the local governing body has continued to hold the school to account for its performance and that of its staff. The results in July 2018 were excellent and governors would like to thank staff for all their hard work in providing an excellent learning environment and exciting opportunities for the children at the school which mean that not only do children achieve excellent results, but that their experience at the school provides them with a wide range of skills and experiences.

Governors from the Teaching and Learning Committee spent time with children from throughout the school to ask for their experiences and opinions. The feedback was particularly positive, with children all highlighting how lessons at Kelsall are fun and outlining that they enjoy lessons. Pupils also discussed how they particularly enjoy the challenge that is set by Kelsall. All the children that governors spoke to were delightful and the committee felt that there could be no better ambassadors for the way teaching is delivered at the school.

The Resources committee continues to oversee the financial performance of the school and budgets are recommended to the Trust Board that ensure the school meets the needs of the children in a financially sustainable manner.

Future plans for governors

The committee will continue to monitor educational performance and ensure the school is held to account for progress as well as attainment. It will ensure that the school continues to offer a broad and balanced curriculum that can be accessed by all pupils.

With regard to financial performance, the committee will continue to review the finance reports on a termly basis to ensure financial sustainability whilst meeting the needs of pupils.

The committee continues to work closely with the Trust Board and other local committees within the Multi-Academy Trust, with a priority for 2018 – 19 being to develop collaboration and dialogue between committees.

How you can contact the governing body

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents and carers. Please contact the Governance Manager, Julie Griffiths, via the school office or by email info@cheshireacademistrust.co.uk