

# Kelsall Primary School

## Governors Annual Impact Statement

### 2020 – 21

#### September 2020

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 should consist of:

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

Lorraine Hammond has joined us this year as a co-opted governor and brings a great deal of experience both from working in industry running HR departments and also from previous experience as a chair of governors.

We are still running with vacancies for parent governors and a co-opted governor. However people have been nominated for these positions and as soon as they are endorsed by the governing body we will inform everybody.

The governing body has continued to meet every month although these meetings have been virtual rather than in person. This year has again been severely impeded by the pandemic and this has meant that a lot of the governing body work has been virtual but we are hoping in the next academic year there will be more opportunities to ensure that the governing body is more available to listen to views from pupils, parents and teachers.

We have continued to support the school in the decisions that have been needed to be taken to ensure that the school has offered a safe environment whilst at the same time ensuring that children receive the education they are entitled to. We need to take the opportunity to thank everybody for all the efforts that they have put in this year and we

are impressed with how everybody , staff, pupils and parents, has shown patience tolerance and determination to make the best of this difficult time.

#### Attendance Record of governors

The attendance for meetings across Kelsall Primary School's local governing body for 2020 / 21 was 87.5% Details of the attendance of school governors can be found on the school website.

### **Work that we have done in 2020-21**

This year despite the pandemic we have been able to support the school in building an extension to the free standing classroom. The extra capacity this has created means that there is more flexibility for the school in the use of this space.

We have been pleased to see how the nursery has so quickly become part of the fabric of the school. This is allowing for greater continuity within the early years and in particular from nursery to reception. As mentioned last year this was particularly important in the light of the limitations on transition because of the pandemic.

We continue to support the school in its efforts to ensure that children get a full and round education. The school continues to develop its curriculum to ensure that the children are building on their experiences from year to year. We support the school's vision of a love of learning and we hope to take the opportunity next year of having new governors to investigate how this vision is reflected in how children, parents and staff view the school.

The school continues to be in a good financial position. This has allowed for the work on the free standing classroom and is allowing the governing body to consider further developments.

We have ensured that the school is continuing to meet all its responsibilities in terms of safe guarding.

The school continues to develop all its work on inclusivity and equality and the governing body supports how this has not only benefitted the school but is has also given the school a high profile as a leading exponent of this work.

### **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. It will also look to ensure that the school is adapting to the needs of pupils in light of the impact of the interruption of normal schooling during the national lockdown.

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 governing body is looking to see how it might develop the nursery and to review the capacity and appetite for further expansion.

The committee continues to work closely with the Trust Board and other local committees within the Multi-Academy Trust through collaborative meetings.

### **How you can contact the governing body**

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents and carers. Please contact the clerk, Debbie Tomkinson, via the school office or by email [debbie.tomkinson@cheshireacademiestrust.co.uk](mailto:debbie.tomkinson@cheshireacademiestrust.co.uk)