



# Annual Governance Statement of the Governing Body of St. Andrew's CE Primary School July 2017

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of St. Andrew's CE Primary School Governing Body are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the Executive Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the performance management of staff.
- Maximising the potential and progress of every pupil to the best of their ability.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

## **GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Governing Body of St. Andrew's CE Primary School is made up of 2 staff governors (including the Executive Headteacher), 1 Associate Member, 2 elected Parent Governors, 1 Local Authority Governor, 1 co-opted Governor and 8 Foundation Governors.

The full Governing Body meets once each term, and we also have a number of committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail.

At St. Andrew's we have a Resources Committee, which focuses on finance, premises and some personnel matters, an Achievement Committee, which focuses on the teaching and learning throughout the school and a Pay Committee.

We also have committees that meet if required to consider pupil discipline and staffing matters.

*See page 3 for a list of Governors.*

## **ATTENDANCE RECORD OF GOVERNORS**

Governors have excellent attendance at meetings and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not "quorate" (the number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made).

*See page 4 for details of individual governors' attendance at meetings.*

## **THE WORK OF OUR GOVERNING BODY AND COMMITTEES**

The Governing Body has had a particularly busy year, focusing on school improvement, the SW9 Partnership and an impending Ofsted inspection.

We have particularly focused on the newly formed partnership with Christ Church SW9 Primary School and the impact this has had at St. Andrew's.

The Achievement and Standards Committee has spent time considering our arrangements for inclusion throughout the school to ensure the needs of all our children are met. Governors have also discussed key data and regularly scrutinise pupil attainment and progress to be sure that the school is on track to fulfill its ambitious targets for all pupils.

Governors have also received several reports from other agencies on the progress and performance of our school. This year we have had a successful teaching and learning review led by an independent school inspector. We also had a pupil premium review led by advisors from the Local Authority. This review focused on how the pupil premium grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has on our pupils.

We are very proud that our school has won several awards this year including the NACE Award for our work with our more able pupils. We were also awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship School status this year, this means that St. Andrew's has been recognised for our outstanding commitment to ensuring that all our pupils reach their full potential. To our knowledge, there are only 70 schools nationally that have achieved this prestigious award.

The Resources Committee looks at the maintenance and development of the school premises, and makes decisions about how the school should use the budget. This year, to improve the security at our school, we have had extensive work completed on our school fencing and new windows and doors have been installed in some parts of the school. Looking forward to next year, there will be further work to the windows and doors and a new kitchen will be fitted in the portacabin. The new kitchen will provide our children with the opportunity for small group cookery classes – so this is really exciting. The new portacabin kitchen has been generously funded by a charity, the Worshipful Company of Weavers.

Early in the Summer term the Resources Committee approved the school budget. At a time of financial pressure our school budget is becoming increasingly difficult to balance due to local authority cuts and increased expenses. Our committee members will be monitoring our school budget very closely next year.

Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents – you can find them on the Governors' page of our website.