

**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of St. Andrew's Primary School
September 2015**

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

1. Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governance arrangements

The Governing Body of St. Andrew's Primary School was re-constituted in March 2015 and is made up of 12 governors: 5 Co-opted Governors, 4 Parent Governors, 2 Staff Governors, 1 Local Authority Governor and 1 Associate Governor.

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 Primary School we have a Children and School's Committee, a Finance and Premises Committee and a Pay and Performance Committee. We also have committees that meet as required to consider pupil discipline and staffing matters and an appeals committee.

Attendance record of governors

Most governors have excellent attendance at meetings and we have not had to cancel a meeting because it was not "quorate" [the numbers needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made] since June 2013.

The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body

The Governing Body has had a busy year, focusing on school improvement and in particular on the changes that have been made by the Department for Education to the school curriculum, assessment procedures and arrangements for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

The Curriculum Committee has spent time considering the introduction of the revised curriculum in September 2014 and has also discussed key data giving the results of pupil achievement and progress. We are delighted

	<p>the pupils at St. Andrew’s Primary School continue to make good progress. We are also concerned about our “vulnerable groups” of children and focus on how the Pupil Premium Grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has on pupil outcomes. The Finance and Premises Committee looks at the maintenance and development of the school premises and makes decisions about how the school should use the budget. Termly health and safety checks are carried out by the Headteacher and caretaker and a Governor also reports to others on this. Governors are also made aware about safeguarding and we have a nominated governor [Mrs Baldwin] who liaises with the school and reports to the governors about safeguarding matters. The full Governing Body approved the 2014/15 budget plan for the school and we are pleased to report that the school is in a sound position financially. We have been able to upgrade some ICT equipment so that the school can meet the challenges of the new Computing curriculum. Governors have also considered the impact of the Free School Meals offer. Kitchen Staff have coped well with the increase in numbers and with the new choice system introduced by the school. Governors have also carried out a number of visits to monitor and evaluate the work of the school. We have visited lessons as well as attending school events and functions and completing some work scrutiny. We enjoy celebrating the achievements of the children in all aspects of school life with Mrs Norman and her team.</p>
<p>Future plans for the governors</p>	<p>Governors will continue to make regular visits to the school in order to monitor the impact of the changes to the curriculum, assessment and changes to arrangements for SEND. We will also attend as many functions as we are able and intend to write an action plan to raise the profile of the school further in the future.</p>
<p>How can you contact the governing body</p>	<p>We are always welcome to suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents and carers.</p>

	Please contact the Chair of Governors, Rev. Vine via the school office. There is a full list of governors below.
Rev. Neville Vine (Chair of Governors)	Co-opted Governor
Mr. Philip Watson	Co-opted Governor
Mrs. Julie Brown	Co-opted Governor
Mr. John Waine	Co-opted Governor
Ms. Natalie Bell	Co-opted Governor
Mrs. Suzanne Baldwin	Parent Governor
Mr. Peter Hardy (Vice Chair of Governors)	Parent Governor
Miss Judith Musgrave	Parent Governor
VACANCY	Parent Governor
Mrs. Nicola James	Staff Governor
Mrs. Andrea Norman	Headteacher
Mr. Peter Robson	Clerk to the Governing Body
Mr. Martin Orwin	Associate Governor