



Pewsey Vale School Annual Governance Statement 2015/16

INTRODUCTION

The governors of Pewsey Vale School have produced an annual statement for parents and all other stakeholders connected to our school. It is considered to be good practice and provides some insight into the role of the Governing Body.

This is the first Annual Governance Statement produced by The Governing Body of Pewsey Vale School.

REMIT OF THE FULL GOVERNING BODY AND ITS COMMITTEES

The Governing Body takes full responsibility for the conduct of the school, and, as stated, will promote high educational standards.

The Governing Body has legal ownership of the school site and acts as an employer of staff. Governing Body Committees.

The Governing Body is split into three committees: Finance & Facilities; Personnel & Standards and Marketing & Communication; each with its own Chair. These committees also meet every term (six times a year), prior to each Full Governing Body Meeting.

The minutes from the three Committees are documented and discussed at the Full Governing Body meetings, minutes of which are made available.

The Strategic Group is comprised of the Chairs of the three committees, the Chair of Governors, the Vice Chair of Governors, and the Head Teacher and is focused on school development and strategic direction. The group meets prior to the Full Governing Body meetings.

Outside of the committees the performance of the Head Teacher is scrutinised by a panel of three members of the Governing Body in conjunction with our School Improvement Partner. Educational performance and personal development targets are set for the Head to help drive the process of school improvement.

All governors are volunteers, with the exception of the Head who is an “ex officio” governor and any staff governors, and all dedicate their time and efforts into providing a thriving school for your children.

Should you have any questions about the role of the Governing Body please do not hesitate to contact our Clerk, Sarah Hunt, on shu@pewsey-vale.wilts.sch.uk



THE ROLE AND IMPACT OF THE GOVERNING BODY

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Promoting the personal development and wellbeing of students and staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Maintaining and improving the quality of resources and facilities of the school

We are committed to making sure Pewsey Vale School provides the very best standard of education for all of its pupils. We aim to ensure all children fulfil and exceed their potential. We expect the highest behaviour and attendance standards.

There is a Personnel & Standards Committee within the Governing Body who meet regularly to discuss curriculum and provision in the school. We are committed to ensuring consistent high quality teaching throughout the school, allowing pupils to make excellent progress during their time here. Regular assessments of the quality of teaching are undertaken by the Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team.

The Governing Body oversees the financial performance of the school, approves the school budget and ensures the school's finances are regularly monitored and that money is spent sensibly and in a way that provides good value. Detailed financial monitoring and challenge takes place in the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Full Governing Body meetings are held every term (six times a year). At regular intervals the Head Teacher or members of the Senior Leadership Team present the Governing Body with detailed reports, which include information on attendance, behaviour, pupil progress and attainment data, and significant news.

We link individual governors to subjects and governors are encouraged to visit the school regularly to gain wider knowledge of how the curriculum is taught. Individual governors also have specific responsibilities for: Special Educational Needs, Pupil Premium, Safeguarding and Health & Safety. Governors undertake a wide range of training to ensure they are kept up-to-date with changes in education and we have carried out a skills audit within the Governing Body to make sure the knowledge and professional background of our members is being used effectively.



For further details on the governing body and its members please visit the welcome section of the school website at www.pewsey-vale.org. I am also very happy to discuss the role of the Governing Body further with you.

I look forward to meeting you at future school events.

Yours sincerely

Tracy Richards
Chair of the Governing Body