

## **Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Temple Sowerby Church of England Primary School 2017/18.**

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of our Governing Body are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, values and strategic direction.
2. Holding the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and for the performance management of staff.
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The Board of Governors of Temple Sowerby Church of England Primary School is currently made up of:

- 3 parent governors
- 2 staff governors (including the Headteacher)
- 1 Local Authority governor
- 3 co-opted governors
- 2 Foundation governors

More details of the governors, their areas of expertise and their attendance records can be found on the school website.

The Full Governing Body meets at least once each term and we also have 2 committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail. The minutes of these committees feed into the meetings of the full Governing Body. These committees are:

- Teaching and Learning Committee
- Resources and Finance Committee

The work that we have completed in our committees and through direct governor involvement in school activities during the past year includes:

- Setting up a new Safeguarding sub-committee to monitor and audit safeguarding procedures and support the teaching staff.
- Monitoring the school budget and the way we spend on pupil premium and sports premium funding.
- Supporting the establishment of a pre-school provision for children 3yrs and over, which started in September 2017.
- Reviewing and updating policies and procedures on a rolling basis.
- Greater involvement in the monitoring of pupil assessment and achievement.

- Governor training, including attendance at workshops on 'Safeguarding' and 'on-line safety'.
- Actions in support of the recommendations made by OFSTED during their recent inspection.
- Active promotion of the school, including continued development of the website and introduction of a Facebook page.

### **Strategic Planning for the Future**

- Safeguarding exercises to be continued at full GB meetings
- Preparations for the forthcoming SIAMS inspection under the new regime
- Development of the school offering based around the success of the pre-school provision
- Support work on improving the built environment and school grounds, including the provision of an area for quiet reflection within the garden
- Continue working on the specific recommendations made by OFSTED in their very positive inspection of July 2017.

Discussed at the full GB meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and subsequently agreed by email.

13<sup>th</sup> July 2018