

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE FEDERATION OF KIRKBY MALZEARD AND ST NICHOLAS C of E SCHOOLS

July 2022

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of the FGB of the Federation of Kirkby Malzeard and St Nicholas C of E Schools are:

1. Setting strategic direction
2. Holding headteacher to account for educational performance
3. Ensuring financial health, probity and value for money

Governance Arrangements

The governing body is made up of 10 Governors of whom 2 shall be parent governors, 3 co-opted governors, 2 foundation governors, 1 Local Authority governor, 1 staff governor and the Headteacher governor. There is currently 1 co-opted governor vacancy.

A copy of the constitution is held by the Clerk.

To effectively contribute to the governance and success of the Federation the governing body employs a range of attributes in finance, education, business and management helping to provide a strategic view for improvement to ensure accountability and act as a critical friend so that good quality education is provided by the Federation. The governing body has a programme of meetings throughout the school year and governors are linked to specific areas such as standards, finance and buildings, SEND, safeguarding and community engagement.

The work we have done in our link areas and in the governing body meetings:

During the past year we have continued to implement and build upon our Christian vision and values in both schools in order to guide future direction.

We have considered and set budgets for each of the schools. These budgets have then been routinely monitored throughout the year and submitted to NYCC.

School policies are under continual review and are updated and approved on a programme which runs throughout the year.

Covid 19 has continued to cause significant disruption in our schools and in accordance with government guidance we have provided remote learning

We have made initial investigations into joining a Multi-Academy Trust by discussing this as a governing body and considering whether to join Leeds Diocesan Learning Trust. Whilst the GB's decision was to not join a Multi-Academy Trust at this time, we are keeping this under constant review and are committed to exploring this option in the future.

Monitoring reports in the following governor link areas have been undertaken and presented to the governing body: Safeguarding, schools financial value standard (SFVS), SEND, Collective Worship, Standards & Data, Business Monitoring, Health & Safety, Budget Monitoring, SIAMS and Standards.

Governor Attendance

A record is kept by the clerk to the governing body of governors attendance at meetings and is set out below:

Chris Burgess Co-opted Governor 8

Andrea Spensley Foundation Governor 8

Sarah Taylor Head Teacher Governor 8

Sarah Webster Foundation Governor 5

Caroline Milne Parent Governor 6

Rebecca Wolfe Staff Governor 8

Laura Wild Co-opted Governor 1

Victoria Timperley Co-opted Governor 5

Jessica Petchey Parent Governor 3

Victoria Timperley was appointed as a co-opted governor on 27 September 2021, this term will end on the 26 September 2025

Jessica Petchey was appointed as a parent governor on 21 March 2022 and this term will end on the 20 March 2026

How to Contact the Governing Body

Information about the governing body is available on the governor's page of each school's website. Messages may be left at the School's offices, letters addressed to the school sites or the Chair of Governor's may be emailed at cofg@kirkbymalzeard.n-yorks.sc