

THE GOVERNING BODY OF NEWBY & SCALBY PRIMARY SCHOOL
ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT
31st July 2019

1. INTRODUCTION

This annual governance statement covers the period 1st August 2018, to 31st July, 2019. In this annual statement “governing body” is taken to mean, “The Governing Body of Newby & Scalby Primary School.”

2. CORE STRATEGIC FUNCTIONS

In accordance with the Government’s requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of the governing body are:-

- a) *Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;*
- b) *Holding the Headteacher to account (being a critical friend) for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and*
- c) *Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure it is money is well spent.*

3. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Governing Body of Newby and Scalby Primary School is made up of 13 governors as follows:-

- a) *6 Co-opted governors;*
- b) *5 Parent governors;*
- c) *1 Staff governor;*
- d) *Headteacher.*

The governing body strives to keep all governor posts filled, but this is not always possible, due to resignations, and finding willing, suitable candidates.

The full governing body meets monthly, and there are currently no other committees that meet regularly. This ensures that all governors are made aware of all the issues facing the school and governing body at first hand.

4. HOW TO CONTACT YOUR GOVERNING BODY

The governing body can be contacted by phoning the school office on 01723-365686, and they will pass your contact details to the relevant member of the governing body, who will contact you direct.

Minutes of Governing Body Meetings are available on request.

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5. KEY ISSUES ADDRESSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY DURING THIS PERIOD

During the 2018/19 academic year, the Governing Body of Newby & Scalby Primary School have focused on the following key priority areas.

- a) **Funding & Finances.** School funding is always a key issue for the Governing Body however over the past two academic years, it has become more and more of a pressing issue. This year we have worked hard to engage parents in supporting the national focus on the shortfall in funding for our schools. This has included lobbying our local MP, representation with the national unions and participating in petitions to encourage the government to address the current crisis in education funding. The Governing Body has continued to work closely with the Headteacher and Scalby Learning Trust to ensure continued careful management of the school budget so that maximum benefit is provided to the pupils.
- b) **Challenging Decisions.** As a result of the current state of funding for schools and the requirement for a balanced budget, the Governing Body have been forced to make some very difficult decisions including having to make valued members of staff redundant, most of whom are successfully in new posts.
- c) **Oversight & Governance.** The Governing Body continue to hold the school leaders to account and act as a “critical friend” of the school. This is to ensure that decisions are made for the benefit of the school and its pupils. During this first full academic year as part of Scalby Learning Trust, the Newby & Scalby Governors have been involved in shaping and directing some of the processes and policies that apply to all schools within the Trust. This has been key to help iron out any anomalies and to ensure that decisions are applied fairly to all the schools within the Trust.
- d) **Collaboration.** Through the school’s membership of Scalby Learning Trust there have been some fantastic opportunities for collaborative work with other schools within the Trust. Governors have been involved in cross school meetings which have led to some very positive outcomes. The addition of Friarage School to the Trust, has brought development opportunities for staff within both schools and the sharing of best practices. The Governing Body are pleased to be involved and are supportive of the collaborative approach which helps to improve the outcomes of pupils not only in our own school but for the wider community on the north side of Scarborough. This is also true of the longstanding involvement with Scarborough Teaching Alliance which continues to have a positive impact on the teaching profession across the borough.
- e) **Outcomes for Pupils.** Governors continue to oversee the ongoing development of staff and improving outcomes for our pupils. Once again Governors were able to joyfully celebrate fantastic results for our pupils who again achieved significantly above national average results. Our thanks and congratulations go out to all involved.

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6. GOVERNOR PROFILE & REGISTER OF INTERESTS INFORMATION

Governor profile and register of interests information is available on the school website at the following link:-

<http://www.thelifecloud.net/schools/NewbyandScalbyPrimarySchool/spaces/Governors/resources/RootFolder/governorinfo.page>

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7. GOVERNING BODY & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

GOVERNOR POSTS	
POST	GOVERNOR/S RESPONSIBLE
GOVERNING BODY CHAIR	Louise Scott
GOVERNING BODY VICE-CHAIR	Emma Wallis-Scholey
FINANCE GOVERNOR	Ben Appleby & Ruth Thorpe
INCLUSION/SEND GOVERNOR	Emma Wallis-Scholey
HEADTEACHER PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE	Governing Body Chair, Trust CEO, and advisor.

FULL GOVERNING BODY – ATTENDANCE												
NAME	TYPE	MEETING DATE										
		19/09/18 1815hrs	22/10/18 1815hrs	14/11/18 1815hrs	13/12/18 1815hrs	09/01/19 1815hrs	07/02/19 1815hrs	06/03/19 1815hrs	11/04/19 1815hrs	15/05/19 1815hrs	12/06/19 1815hrs	11/07/19 1815hrs
Louise Scott	Co-opted	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	AA	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Paul Davidson	Co-opted	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	AA	☑	☑
Gillian Kendall	Co-opted	AA	AA	AA	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Derek Langmead	Co-opted	☑	☑	AA	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Kavita Verma	Co-opted	AA	☑	☑	☑	☑	AN	AN	☑	☑	AA	AN
Ben Appleby	Parent	AA	☑	AA	☑	AA	☑	☑	AA	AA	☑	AA
Sharon Markham	Parent	AA	☑	AA	☑	AA	☑	AA	AA	AA	AA	☑
Ruth Thorpe	Parent	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	AA	☑	AA	AA
Emma Wallis-Scholey	Parent	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	AA	☑	☑	☑
Rachel Wells	Parent	AA	☑	AA	AA	AA	☑	☑	AA	AA	AA	
Chris Knowles	Headteacher	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Debbie Gortzak	Staff	☑	☑	☑	☑	AA	☑	AA	☑	☑	☑	☑
David Holmes	Clerk	AA	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑

KEY

AA = Absent - Apology Accepted	☑ = Attended meeting
AR = Absent - Apology Rejected	C = Cancelled
AN = Absent - No Apology	P = Meeting Postponed
N/A = Not Applicable	NYE = Not Yet Elected

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STAFF & PUPIL DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

NAME	CHAIR	CLERK	MEETING						
			19/09/18						
Emma Wallis-Scholey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Derek Langmead			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Ruth Thorpe			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
David Holmes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AA						