

Annual Governance Statement for the Local Governing Committee

St Patrick's R.C Primary School, Dipton 2021 - 2022

School Vision/Mission Statement: We follow in Christ's footsteps

At St Patrick's School, our mission is to foster a caring and creative environment where each child can reach their full potential, spiritually, socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically, that each child may lead a healthy, productive and meaningful life.

In accordance with the Government's requirement for those responsible for governance, the local governing committee of St Patrick's Primary School, Dipton, has a strong focus on the following strategic functions:

1. Maintaining the on-going safety and well-being of staff and pupils;
2. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
3. Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
4. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure money is well spent.

Governance arrangements

The local governing committee of St Patrick's was newly formed in May 2021 on conversion to academy.

It is made up of:

- 5 Foundation governors, appointed by the diocese
- 1 Staff governor
- 1 Headteacher
- 1 elected Parent governor
- In addition, we have 2 observers (the school business manager and deputy head teacher)

The full governing body meets at least once a term.

In order to cover all the work required, specific committees have been appointed as follows:

- Headteacher performance management
- Admissions
- Teachers' pay review
- We also have committees that meet, if required, to address pupil discipline issues or complaints.

	<p>We require 3 governors to attend to enable us to conduct business. There have been no occasions this year when a meeting has been cancelled due to lack of governor attendance.</p>
<p>Current priorities for the local governing committee</p>	<p>Priority 1: Ensure that school has a robust and consistent approach to the teaching of reading, phonics and spelling in light of new DfE guidelines. Governor leads Mrs Plunkett and Mrs Walker</p> <p>Priority 2: Robustly implement the requirements of the new Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum to enable the best possible pupil outcomes from individual starting points. Governor leads Mrs Carlyon and Mr Lawrence</p> <p>Priority 3: Appropriately plan, deliver and monitor a wide range of interventions to optimise pupil progress across all year groups. Mrs Brotherston and Mrs Dooley</p> <p><u>On-going areas to monitor</u></p> <p>Curriculum: Ensure all pupils have access to a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum in order to extend their wide range of knowledge and skills; Ensure our curriculum represent diversity in terms of curriculum content and available resources in school.</p> <p>Buildings/safeguarding: Ensure window replacement and external repairs are completed; Explore all possibilities/funding streams to enable school to erect perimeter fence around school field; Explore development of nursery provision.</p>
<p>Contact Details</p>	<p>The local governing committee welcomes suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents/carers. Please contact the chair of governors via the school office or by email at: chairofgovernors@stpatricksdipton.co.uk</p> <p>Details of the full local governing committee are on the school website.</p>

