

Walsden St Peter's Primary School

Governor Information 2016-2017

Who we are

Governors work on a voluntary basis and have skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. Our governing body has 12 appointed or elected governors:

2 foundation governors appointed by the Diocese of West Yorkshire & the Dales	Mark Johnston	Current vacancy
2 parent governors appointed by the governing body or elected by parents if nominations exceed vacancies	Nadine Jolley	Emma Bozdog
1 local authority governor appointed by Calderdale Council	Sarah Kinderman (vice chair)	
5 co-opted governors appointed by the governing body	Helen Moules	Elizabeth Suthers (Chair)
	Penny Price	Rachel Gray
	Jo Davis	
1 headteacher governor	Peter Stevenson	
1 staff governor elected by staff	Simon Allely	

The clerk to the governors is Janet Gilford.

What we do

Our role is to ensure that every pupil gets the best possible education. We do this by working closely with the school and headteacher to:

- provide strategic leadership, challenge and support
- improve educational performance of pupils and the school
- oversee financial performance and achieve value for money

The governing body also monitors the performance of the school in relation to the Ofsted key areas of leadership and management, quality of teaching and learning, pupil achievement and behaviour and safety. The governing body's performance is also evaluated under leadership and management as part of the Ofsted inspection.

The full governing body meets 6 times a year and governors serve on committees which report back to the full governing body.

Our **standards and effectiveness committee** and our **resources committee** (usually around 6 meetings each per year) ensure that all relevant non-curriculum policies are regularly reviewed, updated and implemented and make decisions on relevant matters delegated by the governing body.

Our **pay committee** (1 meeting per year) determines pay progression for teachers.

Our **performance management committee** (2 meetings per year) meets with our school's external adviser and carries out the performance management of the head teacher.

Our **premises committee** (usually 2 meetings per year) makes decisions on relevant matters delegated by the governing body.

Further achievements over the past year

In addition to the ongoing statutory duties of the governing body, over the past year or so we have also:

- Completed the recruitment process for a new headteacher

- Met subject co-ordinators to understand the new national curriculum

- Undertaken training on priorities identified in our annual programme

Several governors volunteer in school and so have insight into the working life of the school.

Contacting us

Walsden St Peter's is proud of its good relationship with parents.

Your child's teacher is your first port of call to talk about anything relating to your child's education. Should you need anything further our senior leaders are also available: they are Mrs Williams for the infants, Mr Spooner for the juniors and headteacher Mr Stevenson.

If you'd like to talk to a governor about something relating to school governance, please ask at the school office and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.