

Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Langley Moor Nursery School

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

- i) Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- ii) Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- iii) Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governance arrangements

The Governing Body of Langley Moor Nursery was re-constituted in September 2015 and consists of the following members;

The head teacher

1 staff governor

2 elected parent governors

1 local authority governor

5 co-opted governors.

The Full Governing Body meets once each term, and we also have committees which meet to consider different aspects of the school in detail. Here at Langley Moor Nursery School, we have a Finance Committee, a Curriculum Committee, a Personnel Committee and a Pay Review Committee which receive regular updates from the school leadership team, as well as updates in relation to safeguarding, behaviour and special educational needs.

Our governors undertake a skills audit at the beginning of each year, and attend training and refresher training to ensure the Governing Body continues to have the appropriate mix of skills and expertise to most effectively undertake its functions. The new constitution allows associate governors to be appointed if there is a specific skill lacking.

Attendance record of governors

Governors have excellent attendance at meetings and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not “quorate” (the minimum number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made).

The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body

The governing body has focused on ensuring that the nursery has taken account of the revised EYFS, both in its curriculum and procedures. Wellbeing has also been high on the agenda, in terms of staff and children, as the community has continued to contend with a high number of Covid cases. The limitation on face to face meetings has resulted in a modernisation of communication systems. The admission procedure for new children is now done on line, all governor documentation is now uploaded to a governor hub to allow ease of access, and governor monitoring and meetings have been done virtually.

Due to falling pupil numbers the governing body has reduced the post of Deputy Headteacher to a 0.5 post from September.

Governors have a nominated safeguarding governor (Mrs J Millard), who does an annual safeguarding audit. This year there was also a Safeguarding audit done by the local authority.

There is also a nominated SEND governor (Mr Wainwright). He has overseen the implementation of the SEND policy.

Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents – you can ask via the school office if you would like to see any of the minutes of our meetings.

Future plans for the Governors

Next year our governors plan to

1. Review and develop the outdoor curriculum
2. Review and develop provision for Mathematics and for Communication and Language.

3. To further develop a culture that promotes the benefits of good attendance.

How you can contact the governing body

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents and the community – please contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs J Millard, via the school office.