

## **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 continuing of high standards of provision after the retirement of the Deputy Headteacher and the appointment of 0.5 Deputy Headteacher. Revisions have been made to the curriculum and new teaching initiatives introduced. Face to face feedback meetings for parents and school events such as sing alongs have been re-introduced. The school had a short Ofsted inspection (one day) in April 2023. Ofsted will return in 1-2 years to do a full inspection.

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. Plan for the new 2 year old places to be made available for working parents in April 2024
2. Monitor the development of teaching and learning in Literacy and Communication and Language
3. Develop a long term strategy for the viability of Langley Moor Nursery .

**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.