

Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of The Tynings Primary School
July 2015

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of The Tynings Primary School Governing Body are:

- 1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;**
- 2. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;**
- 3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.**

Governance arrangements

The Governing Body of The Tynings Primary School was re-constituted in September 2013 and comprises 13 members. The Governing Body is made up of: -

- 2 staff governors (including the Headteacher)
- 2 elected Parent Governors
- 1 Local Authority Governor
- 8 Co-opted governors.

Co-opted governors are appointed by the Governing Body and are people who, in the opinion of the governing body, have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school: on our Governing Body two of the Co-opted governors are parents, one is a non-teaching staff members and three are members of the local community. At present we have 2 Co-opted Governor vacancies.

The full Governing Body meets once each term, and we also have a number of committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail.

At The Tynings Primary we have a Finance and Infrastructure Committee, which focuses on finance, premises and health and safety; a Curriculum Committee, which focuses on the curriculum, teaching and learning and children's behaviour; a staffing committee which considers changes to the staffing structure, and a Pay Committee which deals with performance related pay issues. We also have working parties that meet if required to consider the progress of the implementation of the school development plan.

See Page 4 for a list of Governors.

Attendance record of governors	<p>Governors have excellent attendance at meetings and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not “quorate” (the number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made). See Page 5 for details of individual governors’ attendance at meetings.</p>
The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body	<p>The Governing Body has had a particularly busy year, focusing on school improvement, and a successful Ofsted inspection. The school was inspected on 30th April/1st of May 2015 and the result was the School had a ‘Good’ judgment. A copy of the Ofsted report is available on the school website. The following is the Governance section from the report: -</p> <p>The governance of the school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The governors are knowledgeable about the work of the school. They have good understanding of the school's performance in comparison to national benchmarks. They are ambitious for the school and ask leaders searching questions. • Governors know about the quality of teaching and check that leaders' actions are improving teaching. They ensure that teachers' pay is linked to improvements in pupils' achievement. The progress of disadvantaged pupils is closely monitored to make sure that the additional government funding is being used well. • The governors are fully involved in the strategic planning and make wise spending decisions based on the school's priorities. <p>The Curriculum Committee has spent time considering the introduction of the new curriculum and an all new assessment system and governors also discuss key data giving the results of pupil achievement and progress, so that we can be sure that the school is on track to fulfil its ambitious targets for all pupils. We are also concerned about our “vulnerable groups” of children and focus on how the Pupil Premium Grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has on their outcomes. Governors are also particularly concerned about safeguarding and we have a Nominated Governor for Safeguarding who gives a termly report to the governors about any safeguarding matters.</p> <p>The Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives termly budget updates and reports on the maintenance and development of the school premises, and ensures that money is being spent wisely. Health and Safety is monitored by a named Governor and is</p>

	<p>informed by the School Business Manager of the termly checks of the premises.</p> <p>Early in the summer term, the F & I Committee approved the 2015/16 budget plan for the school: this budget allows for an extra teacher and TA for the new year 4 class next year.</p> <p>One of the roles for the governors is reviewing and agreeing school policies, and this year we have considered a number of key policies, including the Pay Policy, the Complaints Policy and the Social Media Policy.</p> <p>Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents –you can ask at the school office if you would like to see any of the minutes of our meetings.</p>
Future plans for the governors	The Governing Body is looking forward to working closely with the staff to ensure that teaching and learning is at the highest standard possible and that the school is working towards an outstanding Ofsted when the school is next inspected.
How you can contact the governing body	We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, via the school office. You can see the full list of governors and more information about what we do, on the Governors’ page of the school website.

The Tynings Primary School Governing Body

Governor	Category	Term of office expiry date
Mrs Claire Mullens	Clerk to the Governors	Ex officio
Mr Ashley Yates (Head Teacher)	Staff Governor	Ex officio
Mrs Jane McNeill	Staff Governor	12 Nov 2016
Mrs Kitty Thomas (Chair of Curriculum Committee)	Parent Governor	23 Apr 2017
Dr Pamela Macpherson-Barrett (Chair of Finance and Infrastructure Committee)	Parent Governor	19 Jun 2017
Mike Bell	LA Governor	13 Sep 2015
Mrs Sarah Warren (parent) (Chair of Staffing Committee)	Co-Opted Governor	29 Jan 2017
Mrs Helen Wild (parent)	Co-Opted Governor	02 Oct 2017
Mrs Janet Poole (staff)	Co-Opted Governor	16 Jun 2017
Ms Tracey Elms	Co-Opted Governor	17 Sep 2015
Mrs Pauline Dixon (Vice Chair of Governors)	Co-Opted Governor	18 Feb 2017
Mr Jim Lott (Chair of Governors) (Chair of Pay Committee)	Co-Opted Governor	16 Jan 2017
Vacancy	Co-Opted Governor	
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The Tynings Primary School Governors' Attendance Record for 2014-2015

Governor	Full Governing Body	F & I Committee	Curriculum Committee	Staffing Committee	Pay Committee
Ms Tracey Elms	100%	80%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mrs Pauline Dixon	100%	N/A	60%	N/A	N/A
Mr Jim Lott	100%	80%	N/A	100%	100%
Mr Ashley Yates	100%	100%	100%	100%	N/A
Mike Bell	83%	N/A	60%	100%	N/A
Mrs Kitty Thomas	100%		100%	N/A	N/A
Mrs Sarah Warren	100%	100%	N/A	100%	100%
Dr Pamela Macpherson-Barret	86%	100%	N/A	100%	100%
Mrs Janet Poole	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	N/A
Mrs Jane McNeill	67%	60%	N/A	100%	N/A
Mrs Helen Wild	50%	60%	N/A	66%	N/A
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