

THE GOVERNING BODY OF NEWBY & SCALBY PRIMARY SCHOOL
ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT
31st July 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

This annual governance statement covers the period 1st August 2017, to 31st July, 2018. In this annual statement “governing body” is taken to mean, “The Governing Body of Newby & Scalby Primary School.”

2. CORE STRATEGIC FUNCTIONS

In accordance with the Government’s requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of the governing body are:-

- 1) *Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;*
- 2) *Holding the Headteacher to account (being a critical friend) for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and*
- 3) *Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation (school) and making sure its money is well spent.*

3. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Governing Body of Newby and Scalby Primary School is made up of 13 governors as follows:-

- a) *6 Co-opted governors;*
- b) *5 Parent governors;*
- c) *1 Staff governor;*
- d) *Headteacher.*

The governing body strives to keep all governor posts filled, but this is not always possible, due to resignations, and finding willing, suitable candidates.

The full governing body meets monthly, and there are currently no other committees that meet regularly. This ensures that all governors are made aware of all the issues facing the school and governing body at first hand.

4. HOW TO CONTACT YOUR GOVERNING BODY

Phone the school office on 01723-365686 and they will pass your contact details to the relevant member of the governing body, who will contact you direct.

Minutes of Governing Body Meetings are available on request.

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5. KEY ISSUES ADDRESSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY DURING THIS PERIOD

Academisation. Following consultation with parents and staff within Newby & Scalby Primary School, the Governing Body successfully supported the school with a smooth transition to becoming an academy within Scalby Learning Trust. After an immense amount of "back office" work behind the scenes carried out by a hardworking team, the school became an academy on 1st April 2018, with very minimal disruption to business as usual within the school.

OFSTED Inspection. In January 2018 the school received notification of an OFSTED inspection that would take place on the first day of the Spring term. Governors supported the school through this process with the majority of governors attending a meeting with the OFSTED Inspector at short notice, and later the same day attending the feedback session with the Inspector. Governors were delighted with the outcome and the school continues to be "Good".

Critical Friend. Throughout the year Governors have continued to act as a critical friend of the school to ensure that the strategic decisions made are for the benefit of the school and its pupils.

Governance Structure. The governance structure has been refined so that meetings are now held monthly during term time which enables all governors to be involved across the full remit of pupil performance, finance, HR, policies and facility management. This new structure has been working well, ensuring that actions are followed up in a timely manner and performance can be challenged and celebrated appropriately.

Outcomes for Pupils. Governors have overseen the continuous improvement of staff development and improved outcomes for pupils. This was joyfully celebrated when the excellent pupil performance results were published in July showing that Newby & Scalby Primary pupils are achieving above national results.

Finances. Governors are also keeping, and will continue to keep, a close eye on the finances of the school whilst supporting the senior leadership team with the very big challenges that school budgets are facing. This will remain a focus for the 2018/19 academic year too.

6. GOVERNING BODY & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Governing body committee membership and attendance information is available on the school website at the following link:-

<http://thelifecloud.net/schools/NewbyandScalbyPrimarySchool/spaces/Governors/resources/RootFolder/GovernorsHomepage.page>

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7. REGISTER OF GOVERNOR INTERESTS

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