

Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Board of Canon Burrows
CE Primary School
2023 - 24

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing boards, the 3 core strategic functions of Canon Burrows CE primary School Governing Board are:

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

Governance Arrangements	<p>The Governing Board of Canon Burrows CE Primary School is made up of 1 staff governor, 2 elected Parent Governors, 1 Local Authority Governor and 5 Foundation Governors. The Headteacher and Vicar at Christ Church are Ex-Officio Governors.</p> <p>The full Governing Board meets once each term, and we also have a number of committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail. We have the following Committees:</p> <p><u>Curriculum and Outcomes Committee</u> which considers the curriculum the school provides, the attainment and progress of pupils and the standards achieved.</p> <p><u>Finance and General Purposes Committee</u> which deals with all financial matters and is attended by the school's bursar; ensures the safety and welfare of all pupils and adults at the school; and has oversight of the premises, their condition and safety.</p> <p><u>Personnel, Staffing and Pay Committee</u> which deals with all staffing matters. The Pay committee meets once a year.</p> <p>Each committee meets once a term in the weeks prior to the full meeting of the Governing Body. In addition to the scheduled and ad-hoc meetings, all Governors are committed and pro-actively engage with the school on a regular basis as part of their role or links with the school.</p>
Attendance Record of Governors	Governors' attendance at meetings is excellent, please see the school website, Governor's page for details of attendance at meetings.
The work that we have done on our committees	<p>The Governing Body has had another a successful year.</p> <p>The Governing Board has continued to challenge and support the school as it has developed provision across many areas of school life. This includes; the establishment of a School Chaplain and pupil chaplains, and Faith in Action Group, the contribution to Young Voices at the Manchester Arena and continued and sustained work with the Diocese such as advising the Diocese on ECO and sustainable education. We continued our focus on school improvement, monitoring the progress pupils make from term to term across all age groups and monitoring the progress of the School Development Plan.</p> <p><u>The Curriculum and Outcomes Committee</u> continued to spend time with staff ensuring pupils make the best possible progress particularly after the Covid-19 Pandemic. Governors considered the key data of pupil achievement, to ensure that all pupils are making progress towards their targets. We also monitored the</p>

implementation of the Reading curriculum throughout the whole school. We received reports from all staff about the arrangements for the development of foundation Subjects and in particular the development of our art curriculum.

Finance and General Purposes continued their oversight of the maintenance and development of the school premises, especially the fencing off of the Local Authority owned field and the next phase in roof repairs. The premises were regularly checked for health and safety issues and all safeguarding matters were monitored throughout the year.

Personnel, Staffing and Pay Committee monitored the expenditure of the 2022/23 budget and set a budget for 2023/2024. The expenditure and value for money of the Pupil Premium Funding, Sport Premium funding and Covid catch-up funding were monitored closely throughout the year to ensure the most effective provision for the specific groups of children. There was an office and pastoral team restructure to ensure that there was capacity and skills to meet the needs of the school.

Throughout the year all members of the Governing Body have undertaken training in a wide range of areas covering many aspects of our work. The following are examples of course titles we have attended:-

- Safeguarding
- New governor induction programme
- E-safety including filtering and monitoring
- Preparing for SIAMS inspection training

The Minutes of Governing Body meetings are public documents – if you wish to see them you can ask at the school office.