

# Ninelands Primary School – Governing Body Effectiveness Statement 2017/2018

In the last academic year the Governing Body of Ninelands Primary School has been pleased with the developments in the school as it continues to improve outcomes for children. The Governing Body has continued to work closely with the head teacher, senior leadership team and staff to ensure they maintain a good understanding of the school and can offer appropriate support, scrutiny and strategic leadership, which has helped to secure the schools effectiveness. Some of the work of the Governing Body is delegated to subcommittees which provide a more in-depth review of the specific areas. Some of the work carried out by these over the last year is listed below.

As the year came to an end our Chair stepped down after successfully leading the Governing Body for several years including a successful OFSTED inspection. Following this and the appointment of a new Chair and Vice Chair of Governors, we took the opportunity to have an external audit of the governance. I believe that this showed we were an effective Governing Body, as had the OFSTED inspection. However, there are always things that can be improved and we are working on the recommendations provided by the audit so that we can continue to grow in effectiveness and improve our ability to support the school.

## Pupil Support Committee

During this academic year the Pupil Support Committee has been involved with many items some of these include:-

### 1. **School Policies**

The committee has consulted on and ratified numerous School Policies in line with statutory guidance on:

Admissions Policy	Sex and Relationships Education Policy
Behaviour Policy	Medical Conditions Policy
Child Protection Policy (Safeguarding)	Home/School Agreement
Special Educational Needs Policy	Complaints Policy
Website Compliance	

### 2. **Monitoring Visits**

Governors with responsibilities for Child Protection/Safeguarding, Attendance and SEN have held monitoring visits with the school representative responsible for each area. They have subsequently reported back to the committee on their findings

*Harmony Council* – governor attended a Harmony Council meeting and then the Harmony Council attended a Governors meeting to showcase their work on implementing the behaviour policy in school.

### 3. **Consultation with Parents**

*Governor Surgeries* – held during the Parents Evenings and Parent Picnic had a positive response from parents, who noted it was useful to meet the governors.

*Parent Forum* – as part of the new PHSE curriculum topics, the parent forum was held to gain input from a group of parents on the rationale, content and age appropriateness of the SRE curriculum. The forum was very informative and the parents provided valid discussions.

## Teaching and Learning Committee

During this academic year the Teaching and Learning Committee has, among other items, been involved with the following areas:

### **School Policies**

The committee has consulted on and ratified numerous School Policies in line with statutory guidance on:

Teaching and Learning

Marking and feedback

Homework

Early years

RE

### 1. **Monitoring Visits**

Governors have carried out monitoring visits and reported to the committee on these, some of which are linked to key areas for improvement and also include :-

*Early Years & Foundation Stage*

*Science Monitoring*

*Marking and feedback*

*Homework policy*

*SATS*

### 2. **Data monitoring**

Governors regularly review targets, target setting and progress towards those targets across all Key Stages.

## Resources Committee

During this academic year the Resources Committee have, among other items, been involved with the following areas:

### **School Policies**

Whistleblowing, Disciplinary / Staff Grievance, Staff Code of Conduct, Work and Families, Managing Attendance, Data Protection, Health & Safety.

### **Monitoring Visits**

Health & Safety, premises condition inspection, Schools financial value standard.

### **Budget setting & monitoring**

Although the budget approval is approved by the full governing body recommendations are prepared in this subcommittee, it also regularly monitors the status of the financial status against the planned budget.

Consider charging for lettings, school meals, music lessons and charging for clubs

### **Best value reviews of**

Refuse and toilets, supply (cover teachers) costs, catering and kitchen and grounds maintenance

### **Data monitoring**

*Accident data*

*Staff Attendance*