

Annual Governance Statement
For the Board of Governors of
The Federation of North Walsham Junior, Infant and Nursery School
2016/2017

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all Governing Bodies the three core strategic functions of the Board of Governors 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; and
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governance arrangements:

The Governing Body consists of one elected parent governors, one local authority governor, one staff governor and five co-opted governors.

Attendance record of Governors:

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).

The work that the Board of Governors and the committees have done:

The Board of Governors have met on five separate occasions. The Governors all sit on one of two committees – Quality of Leadership or Pupils and Learning.

The Governors have been proactive in the matter of academisation. They have considered the assets The Federation have to offer an academy as well as taking into account what The Federation would like to receive from joining an academy. The Governors are firm in their opinion that the Yare Trust offers the best opportunities for the school and its pupils.

The Governors discussed, questioned and accepted the School Improvement Plan which continued to be regularly reviewed and monitored.

The Governors have considered and approved expenditure on the school buildings.

The Governors have scrutinised and closely monitored the school budget to ensure actual income and expenditure is in line with the forecast. They have also compared the school's finances to that of schools of similar size to ensure income and expenditure is appropriate.

The Governors have also been especially interested in the progress and attainment of the pupils, particularly in light of the significant changes to the National Curriculum. They have closely monitored the progress being made by pupils

throughout the year and considered the gender gaps as well as the gap between Pupil Premium children and non-Pupil Premium Children. The Governors are delighted with the Yr6 SATs results and the Yr1 Phonics Test results. The Governors have also reviewed the effectiveness of how the needs of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and the needs of Looked After Children are being met.

Governor Training:

To ensure they remain up-to-date with current affairs and legislation the Governors undertook the following training:

- Head Teacher Appraisal and Capability
- Schools Financial Value Standard
- The Revenue Training
- LAC Governor Training
- Safeguarding

Future plans for the Governors:

The Board of Governors will continue to pursue academisation with the Yare Trust considering all aspects of the transition and what will be in the best interests of The Federation. They will continue to push the school forward and make improvements for the benefit of the education of its pupils.

How to contact the Board of Governors:

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – you can contact any of the Governors via the school office.