The Governance Statement

In January 2014 the Department for Education published departmental advice in relation to the School Procedures Regulations 2013. A number of additional recommendations, not mentioned in the Procedures regulations, were made in the advice document, **including reference to the publication of an annual governance statement.**

*It is also good practice for the board to publish an annual governance statement (as academy trusts are required to do through the Accounts Direction) to explain how it has fulfilled its responsibilities – particularly in relation to its core functions, including:*

* *The governance arrangements that are in place, including the remit of any committees;*
* *The attendance record of individual governors at board and committee meetings; and*
* *An assessment of the effectiveness and impact of the board and any committees with details of any particular challenges that have arisen.*

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| **Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Southview School** October 2022  |
| In accordance with the Government’s requirement for all governing bodies, the 4 core strategic functions of Southview 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 thereby supporting the academy board**;
3. **Overseeing safeguarding arrangements and reporting to the academy board as appropriate on a termly basis;**
4. **Working with the school senior management team to formalise and monitor the school development plan.**
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| **Governance arrangements**  | The Governing Body of Southview School is now made up of:* 2 Staff Governors (including the Headteacher)
* 2 elected Parent Governors.
* 5 Co-opted Governors.

All 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. For example experience in finance, business, law and education. 1 Governor is a retired Head teacher. The full Governing Body meets twice each term with the main focus being on education, teaching, personnel, premises and health and safety. Committees are drawn from the board as required. The Governing Body is also responsible for establishing and maintaining the School Development Plan.  |
| **Attendance record of Governors**  | Governors generally have excellent attendance at meetings, we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not “quorate” (meaning the number of Governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made).  |
| **The work that we have done on our Committees and in the Governing Body**  | The Committee spends time considering the impact, curriculum and assessment procedures. Governors also discuss the key data from 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. Mr Day continues to present reports on Health and Safety (Premises) and Pupil Premium. One of the roles for the Governors is reviewing and agreeing school policies in line with the Scheme of Delegation, and this year we have considered a number of key policies. Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents and you can ask at the school office if you would like to see any of the minutes of our meetings.Governors regularly discuss and monitor the school’s response to the ever changing implications of Covid-19. |

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| **Future plans for the Governors**  | The construction of the new College Facilities to include a residential respite centre is well underway, however, this has been delayed due to unforeseen issues, part of the building will be handed over in January 2023, the hydroptherapy pool will be handed over in approximately April 2023 subject to any unforeseen delays. |
| **How you can contact the Governing Body**  | We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents, 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.  |

# Southview Governing Body at September 2022

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|  | **Category** | **Term of Office Expiry** |
| David Beardwell (Chair of Governors) | Co-Opted  | 22/11/26 |
| Anthony Day (Vice Chair) | Co-Opted | 22/10/24 |
| Angela Sumpton | Co-Opted | 22/10/24 |
| Rebecca Green | Parent Governor | 18/10/23 |
| Julian Cochrane (Headteacher) | Staff Governor | Ex-officio |
| Steve Baker  | Staff Governor  | 22/10/24 |
| Liam Lehane | Co-Opted | 19/05/25 |
| Zoe Benson | Co-Opted | 14/11/24 |
| Leah Gray | Parent Governor | 18/10/26 |

NOTE: We are always looking for additional governors from within the local community who can add value to the school.