



Cockton Hill Infants' School

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Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Cockton Hill Infants' School - 2023/2024

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of the Governing Body of Cockton Hill Infants' School are:

1. **To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction**
2. **To hold the Headteacher to account for educational performance of the school and its pupils**
3. **To oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent**

<p style="text-align: center;">Governance Arrangements</p>	<p>The Governing Body of Cockton Hill Infants' was re-constituted in February 2015 and consists of the following members: The Headteacher, 1 Staff, 1 Authority, 4 Co-opted, 3 Parent Governors and one Associate Governor</p> <p>Co-opted governors are co-opted 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.</p> <p>The Full Governing Body and Finance, Premises, and Staffing Committee meet each term, we also have committees who meet to consider different aspects of the school in detail. Here at Cockton Hill Infants' we have a Curriculum and Standards Committee who receive regular updates from the Head Teacher and Subject Leaders on attainment, progress and the impact of Pupil Premium Funding on narrowing the gap. They also receive updates in relation to Safeguarding and Special Educational Needs. We also have a First / Pay Review/ Staffing, an Appeals, and Pupil Discipline Committees and Head Teachers Performance Management Committee which meet termly or as and when required.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Attendance record of Governors</p>	<p>Governors have good 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)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body</p>	<p>The Governing Body has once again had a particularly busy time, focusing on continuing school improvement and looking forward to moving ahead with the leadership team.</p> <p>The Curriculum Committee has spent time evaluating and agreeing school policies, overseeing our SEND provision and the integration of the school phonics scheme.</p> <p>Governors have also discussed key data detailing the impact of school funds utilised to ensure children catch up on lost learning.</p>

	<p>We are all 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. We are also focussed on our provision for children with SEND and this is closely monitored. The Finance, Premises, and Staffing Committee looks at the maintenance and development of the school premises, and makes decisions about how the school should use the budget. Early in the summer term each year the Finance Committee approve the annual budget plan for the school. We are pleased to report that the school is in a healthy position financially and can afford to maintain the current staffing structure.</p> <p>Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents -you can ask the school office if you would like to see minutes of our meetings.</p>
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<p>Future plans for the Governors</p>	<p>Following an analysis of our Governor Skills Audit by the headteacher and Chair of Governors and the introduction of new governors, we have a programme of training sessions relevant to the full governing body. Our training plans this year include courses in online safety and safeguarding in addition to individual CPD such as the chairs briefing. This will enable the Governing Body to maximise the effectiveness of its work.</p> <p>In 2024 Governors hope to oversee an extension to the school in order to make additional learning spaces for pupils.</p> <p>Governors will continue to make regular visits to school in order to fulfil their monitoring role.</p>
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<p>How you can contact the Governing Body</p>	<p>We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents - please contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Bob Woods, via the school office.</p> <p>You can see more about our governing body including full list of governors, their attendance at meetings and more information on what they do, on the Governors' page of the school website.</p>
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<p>Current Members of the Governing Body</p>	<p>Mr R Woods – Chair Mr A Soppitt – Vice Chair Mrs Y Etherington Miss J Bruce Mr T Cuthbertson (Headteacher) Miss C Smith Mrs B Corrigan Mrs K Tallentire Mrs L Jenkins Mrs J Harnaman</p>
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