



**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Lewknor C of E Primary School**  
September 2017

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of Lewknor C of E Primary 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;**
3. **Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.**

**Governance arrangements**

The Governing Body of Lewknor C of E Primary School is made up of 2 staff governors (including the Headteacher), 3 elected Parent Governors, 1 Local Authority Governor, 2 Foundation governors and 3 co-opted governors.

The full Governing Body meets at least twice each term, and we also have a number of committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail. We have a Resources Committee, which focuses on finance, premises and some personnel matters; a Teaching & Learning Committee, and a Pay and Performance Management Committee.

**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 we have done on our committees and in the governing body**

The Teaching & Learning Committee has spent time considering a range of curriculum issues and governors also discuss key data giving 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.

The Resources Committee looks at the maintenance and development of the school premises, and makes decisions about how the school should use the budget. Mrs Pauline Seston is our Health and Safety Governor and she carries out termly checks of the premises with the Headteacher.

	<p>Governors are also particularly concerned about safeguarding and the importance of providing a safe and secure environment for pupils, staff and volunteers. We have a nominated Governor for Safeguarding (Mrs Dawn Seston) who gives a termly report to the governors about any safeguarding matters.</p> <p>The Governors work very closely with the Headteacher and other members of staff to ensure that the budget is spent wisely.</p> <p>The Foundation Governors ensure that the school curriculum contributes to community cohesion and that support the school in continuing to develop its distinctive Christian character and ethos.</p> <p>One of the roles for the Governors is reviewing and agreeing school policies, and this year we have considered a number of key policies, including Safeguarding and Child Protection.</p> <p>These policies are available on the information page on the school website.</p> <p>We also have a governor focused on communications and they plan and coordinate strategies by which the Governing Body can demonstrate its accountability and consult parents and community. The governor also considers matters relating to the role of the school in the community, including public relations and to ensure that the school contributes to community cohesion.</p> <p>We also have a governor focusing on SEND.</p>
<b>Future plans for the governors</b>	<p>The Governing Body is focused on supporting continuous improvement across all areas of the school so that the school's ethos is maintained and we continue to raise standards.</p>
<b>How you can contact the governing body</b>	<p>We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, Mr David Pickard, via the school office. You can see the full list of governors; their attendance at meetings and more information about what we do, on the Governors' page of the school website.</p>