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Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Lewknor C of E Primary School
September 2023

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of Lewknor Church of England 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 Church of England 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 five times a year, 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 Curriculum 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

Governors ensure the school curriculum continues to develop its distinctive Christian character and ethos. They monitor the curriculum to check it is coherently planned and sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge and skills for future learning. Pupils study the full curriculum; it is not narrowed. They ensure the curriculum is successfully adapted, designed and ambitious to meet the needs of pupils with SEND so that they develop their knowledge, skills and abilities and are able to apply what they know and can do with increasing fluency and independence.

The Curriculum Committee also spends time discussing pupil progress and attainment 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

	<p>and focus on how the pupil premium is being spent by the school and what impact this has on their outcomes.</p> <p>The Resources Committee looks at the maintenance and development of the school premises, and makes decisions about how the school should use the budget. The Governors work very closely with the Headteacher and other members of staff to ensure that the budget is spent wisely</p> <p>Governors are also particularly concerned about inclusion, safeguarding and the importance of providing a safe and secure environment for pupils, staff and volunteers. The Governor responsible for Safeguarding is Deborah Cavell, James Pearce is responsible for SEND and Chris Full for Health and Safety. These Governors meet the Headteacher at least once termly.</p> <p>One of the roles for the Governors is reviewing and agreeing school policies, and every year we consider a number of key policies, including Safeguarding and Child Protection. These policies are available on the school website.</p>
<p>Future plans for the governors</p>	<p>The Governing Body is focused on supporting continuous improvement across all areas of the school so that the school's Christian ethos is maintained and we continue to raise standards.</p>
<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 David George, 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>