

**Annual Governance Statement for the
Governing Body of Wynyard CE Primary School
September 2017**



School Vision/Mission Statement

Wynyard Church of England Primary School is a new primary school, which opened in September 2015 as part of a new development at Wynyard. Our school offers pupils an exceptional learning experience. Our vision is to establish an excellent school in the heart of the community where children can make rapid academic progress and develop a love of learning.

Our school provides children with high achievement, confidence and strong moral values, developed through excellent teaching, a stimulating curriculum, and a robust Christian ethos. This is an excellent school at the heart of its community where wellbeing is paramount and every child valued. We deliver an outstanding education, with excellent teaching and purposeful learning, underpinned by Christian values and principles, ensuring local children realise their full potential.

Children are part of a school that is proud of its values of Wisdom; Love; Forgiveness and Faith. These values are special to us because all stakeholders were involved in identifying them as central to our school's ethos and vision.

The school is one of the Diocese of Durham's family of schools and both our temporary and permanent sites are located on the Wynyard Estate

We work closely with our families to provide the best possible education for our children. We are committed to promoting the fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Our aspirations as a school are:

- to ensure the physical and spiritual well-being of every member of the school is maintained and enhanced
- to create an environment where children develop a love for learning and learn how to use knowledge wisely
- to be central to the life of the Wynyard community

Governance arrangements

We have very active school governors with an excellent skills-set who have been crucial in the successful inception and growth of the school. The Governing Body of Wynyard CE Primary consists of the following:

- The Headteacher
- 1 staff governor
- 2 elected parent governors
- 7 elected governors

The governing body is chaired by Venerable Stuart Bain.

The Full Governing Body meets twice every term and we also have committees who meet to consider different aspects of the school in detail. We have a Finance and General Purposes Committee and a Curriculum and Ethos Committee. We also have committees that meet if required to consider pupil discipline and staffing matters.

More information about the governing body is available on our website.

Attendance record

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 and its impact

The Governing Body met regularly during the 2016/17 academic year, focusing on the growth of the school and ensuring a high quality education for all. Governors have played a key role in:

- establishing detailed policies
- ensuring robust safeguarding measures are in place
- ensuring buildings are fit for purpose on our temporary site
- the recruitment of an excellent staff team
- establishing a strong curriculum
- procuring high-quality resources
- ensuring finances are used effectively, including audits and accounts
- supporting the SLT in continuous school improvement
- driving rapid school development throughout the second year.

Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents. You can ask at the school office if you would like to see any of the minutes of our meetings.

Future plans for the Governing Body

- To further develop the monitoring timetable for governors and to ensure that new Governors are more involved in evaluating the SDP priorities of the school.
- To continue to support the school's growth, including financial direction, staffing, curriculum development, expansion of our temporary accommodation and working towards construction of our permanent site in 2018.
- To look at plans for conversion to MAT Articles.

Contact Details

The Governing Body welcomes suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents/carers. Please contact the Chair of Governors c/o the school office.

Current Members of the Governing Body

Please see school website

<http://wynyardprimary.org.uk/governing-body/>