

Annual Statement 2015 St Lawrence Primary Church of England School

During the academic year 2014-15 the full governing body has met twice each term. Governors receive reports and updates from the head teacher and have the opportunity to spend time in school in order for us to have an insight into all aspects of school life.

The main concerns to the governors are:

- Behaviour and welfare of pupils & staff
- To ensure that the teaching enables the children to make good or better than good progress.
- That the staff are motivated, respected and effective teaching staff to deliver a high quality education for all pupils
- The outcomes for each & every child

Governors work closely with the head teacher and teaching staff in contributing to and monitoring the School Development Plan and how all the decisions made have an impact on the children's education and progress. The School Improvement Plan sets aims for the forthcoming term and school year. The current SIP is based on priorities identified from data, school self-evaluation and LA review priorities.

The governor have contributed in the last year by:

- Dr David Nurse and Mrs Rachel Voiculescu have made visits to school for learning walks or book scrutinies alongside the head teacher and the Local Authority School Improvement Advisor.
- Mrs Helen Ashby, our SEN Governor has met regularly with the school's coordinator. Also attended a meeting with LSAT when reviewing school SEN provision.
- Mrs Helen Ashby is also involved in meetings with the Head teacher regarding CICs (Children in Care).
- All governors have taken part in Policy reviews, to ensure all policies are reviewed as per the review cycle.
- 3 governors have set annual performance targets for the head teacher.
- Mrs Lisa Howells and the head teacher have completed an annual health and safety audit.
- Reverend Edward Ward has met with Joan Furlong (from Litchfield Diocese) and Mrs Paggett to complete the Annual Church review and gather pupil views on spirituality.
- Dr David Nurse has regularly reviewed and checked the website for compliance with OFSTED guidelines.
- All Governors completed the annual Section 11 safeguarding self-assessment.

- Governors have attended parents' evenings to listen to the views of parents.
- Governors have agreed the budget for 2015, with Mr Paul Evans taking the lead.
- Governors have completed a skills audit to identify which areas each governor would be suited.
- Reverend Ward takes weekly assemblies in church.
- All governors reviewed new possible logos, to select a short list of three for parents and children to choose from.
- The Chair of Governors, Mrs Lisa Howells, has met on a regular basis with the head teacher, to ensure that both are kept up to date.
- Mrs Helen Ashby & Mrs Lisa Howells undertook a review of DBS checks.
- Dr David Nurse undertook a web-site compliance audit.
- Mrs Rachel Voiculescu listens to children read weekly.
- Mrs Lisa Howells & the head teacher attend termly briefings from the LA.
- Mrs Lisa Howells attended monthly LA review meetings to identify areas that require support from LA.
- Mrs Helen Ashby has been providing the Parish Magazine with information on the school and governors.
- Mrs Helen Ashby has been running the school choir, and has taken the choir to "Young Voices" and to Wrekin College.
- Mrs Rachel Voiculescu carried out pupil discussions focusing on problem solving to monitor how effective it is being covered.
- Mrs Rachel Voiculescu has volunteered for two afternoons each week to support SEN children in Class 1 & 2.
- Mrs Rachel Voiculescu, Mrs Lisa Howells & Mrs Helen Ashby have been on school trips.
- Governors attend school events and assist where possible.

Staff Appointments:

The governor has been involved in the appointment of several members of staff:

- Mr Mark Lambie (Class 3 teacher),
- Mrs Alison Moore (Class 1 teacher)
- Several Teaching Assistants.

Training

Governors have received the following training:

- All governors have undertaken RASIE online data analysis training by LA.
- All governors have participated in PREVENT training.

Website

We are in the process of moving to a new website and this should be up and running by October half term.

Re-constitution

During the last year, the governing body has reconstituted as per new government guidelines. We have reduced the number of governors from 12 governors to 8 governors. We have said good bye to a long standing governor Mrs Diane Gardner. Mrs Gardner has been a governor at St Lawrence for over 20 years.

We are fortunate to have a Governing Body with a variety of skills and experience who support our school community. As part of the re-structuring, we have allocated governors areas that utilities their respective skills. On the new website you can find out more information from the governor's section of the school website. Whatever our background, we are all proud to be supporting and working with our great school.

The new structure is as follows:

Type of Governor	Name	Areas of responsibility
LA Governor	Mrs Lisa Howells (Chair)	Data Safeguarding Health & Safety IT Communication Finance Policy reviews
Co-Opted Governor	Mrs Helen Ashby (Vice Chair)	Finance Safeguarding SEN Children in Care Communication
Foundation Governor	Reverend Edward Ward	Worship SIAS Pupil/Parent communication
	Dr David Nurse	Performance/Curriculum Pupil/Parent communication
Parent Governor	Mr Paul Evans	Finance Pupil/Parent communication
	Mrs Rachel Voiculescu	Performance/Curriculum Pupil/Parent communication
Staff Governor	Mrs Stephanie Gaskell	Finance Data

		Safeguarding Performance/Curriculum
	Mr Mark Lambie	Data Safeguarding Performance/Curriculum