

**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Board of
St John the Baptist C of E (V.A.) Primary School, Pebmarsh
Summer 2017**

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all Governing Boards, the 3 core strategic functions of St John the Baptist Governing Board 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 Board of St John the Baptist, Primary School, is made up of twelve Governors – The Head, one Staff Governor, two elected Parent Governors, one Local Authority Governor and seven Foundation Governors. There are currently no vacancies. Mr James Tucker, Mrs Vanessa Clandfield and Mrs Janet Penfold were re-appointed to the Governing Board during this academic year.

Mr Adam Clayman was elected a Parent Governor during this academic year.

The full Governing Board meets four times per year and we also have a number of Committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail. We have a Finance, Personnel and Premises Committee, a Curriculum and Pupil Related Committee, and a Pay and Performance Management Committee. We also have Committees that meet when required to consider pupil discipline and staffing matters.

Attendance Record of Governors

Governors have good attendance at meetings. All Governors attend four full Governing Board meetings per year plus at least one of the Committee meetings every term.

Governance Statement

Academic Year Summer 2016 – Summer 2017

Following last year's many improvements to the teaching and assessment of pupils we were happy to welcome inspectors to the school this year. In November 2016 we had the SIAMs inspection which is carried out in all church schools by inspectors from the Diocese. We are delighted to continue to be graded as a 'good' school and the report praised the many initiatives that Mrs De Pietro has introduced to raise the profile of Christianity within the school.

In April 2017 we were very pleased to receive the report of our Ofsted inspection which also judged our school as 'good' overall. We are proud to have continued to be a 'good' school

since 2011. The Ofsted report makes it clear that the school has many strengths and includes the following:

- *‘As a result of the rigour and diligence of your leadership, significant sustained and systematic improvements have been made to the school ‘*
- *‘Governors are well trained and expertly hold leaders to account for the quality of provision in the school; they are passionate and knowledgeable about their roles’*
- *‘Pupils enjoy lessons and now say that they feel challenged; lessons are well-crafted, creative and enjoyable experiences for pupils’*
- *‘Assessment is now a strength of the school ‘*
- *‘The vibrant, colourful learning environment and welcoming community atmosphere’*
- *‘Pupils, parents and staff who are, in the main, effusive about the school, and most notably about the headteacher.’*

Particularly pleasing are the comments that recognise the rapid improvements made in the last 18 months in areas such as the provision for pupils with special needs, the teamwork of staff and increased challenge now offered to pupils.

We briefly sat back to congratulate ourselves but further challenges and improvements beckon. For our School Improvement Plan for 2017/18 we aim to continue to work to raise children’s attainment so that more of our pupils can achieve the highest standards. We want to further raise standards in mathematics and grammar, punctuation and spelling to close the gaps created by transferring from the old national curriculum to the new. Staff responsibilities for curriculum areas are being further developed to create thorough assessment procedures for the foundation subjects.

Our excellent school ethos of a kind and caring community full of ‘Pebmarsh Polish’ continues to shine. We have much to be proud of and much to look forward to.

How you can contact the Governing Board

We always welcome suggestions. The Chairman of the Governing Board, Mrs Ann Roberts, or the Clerk to the Governing Board can be contacted via the School Office.

St John the Baptist C of E (V.A.) Primary School Governing Board, Pebmarsh

<u>Governor</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Term of office expiry date</u>
Mr John Watts	Authority	18.08.2019
Mr James Tucker	Foundation DBE	31.12.2020
Mrs Vanessa Clandfield	Foundation DBE	31.12.2020
Mr Rupert Thomas	Foundation DBE	19.05.2019
Mrs Linda Holder	Foundation DBE	17.12.2019
Revd Gay Ellis	Foundation	Ex-Officio
Mrs Ann Roberts	Foundation PCC	31.07.2019
Mrs Janet Penfold	Foundation PCC	26.07.2020
Mr David Holmes	Parent	11.11.2017
Mr Adam Clayman	Parent	06.10.2020

Mrs Alicia Watkins	Staff	29.06.2019
Mrs Karen De Pietro	The Head	Ex-Officio

Governor Attendance Record 2016-2017

Governor	Governing Body Meetings held : 4	Finance, Premises & Personnel Meetings held : 6	Curriculum Meetings held : 3
John Watts	4	-	2
Mr James Tucker	2	6	-
Mrs Vanessa Clandfield	2	-	3
Mr Rupert Thomas	4	-	2
Mrs Linda Holder	3	4	-
Revd Gay Ellis	3	5	-
Mrs Ann Roberts	4	-	3
Mrs Janet Penfold	4	5	-
Mr David Holmes	4	5	-
Mrs Alicia Watkins	3	-	1
Mrs Karen De Pietro	4	6	3
Mr Adam Clayman	Observer	Observer	Observer