

**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Board of
St John the Baptist C of E (V.A.) Primary School, Pebmarsh
Summer 2018**

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, Pebmarsh, is made up of twelve Governors – The Head, one Staff Governor, two elected Parent Governors, one Local Authority Governor and seven Foundation Governors.

Mr John Watts took on the role of Chairman of the Governing Board and Mr David Holmes took on the role of Vice-Chairman at the start of this academic year.

Mrs Linda Holder and Mr Adam Clayman resigned during this academic year.

Mrs Helen Grover was appointed a Foundation DBE Governor in February 2018.

The full Governing Board meet four times per year. We also have a number of Committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail. There is 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 are expected to attend four full Governing Board meetings per year, plus at least one of the Committee meetings every term.

Governance Statement

Academic Year Summer 2017 – Summer 2018

This year has been spent consolidating progress made since our 'GOOD' Ofsted result in March 2017.

Progress by pupils was monitored by Governors in discussion with Staff with scrutiny of children's work and in accordance with the School Improvement Plan. Focus areas for Governor monitoring were challenge for the more able, EYFS, subject leadership and behaviour for learning.

Governors looked at challenge in the school by observing more able children in lessons and interviewing them about their extended learning.

Visits to the Early Years & Foundation Stage were arranged by Governors and opportunities and learning activities were examined and discussed.

Teachers have reported to Governors about their roles as Subject Leaders. They are extending their skills in the quality of learning and teaching and they have been given release time to observe other staff.

Pupil progress meetings between Governors and the Headteacher have continued this year, and Target Tracker is used throughout school to track progress, alongside moderation with other local schools and through the Colne Valley Consortium.

Positive learning behaviour continues to be reinforced through school teaching of ‘Growth Mindset’ and Governors also attend celebration assemblies. Governors have received training on monitoring and evaluating worship.

A themed writing week was held and proved to be highly successful and exciting. General work and displays arising from this were looked at by Governors and a group of children presented and discussed their work and answered specific questions. A literacy lesson where writing skills were introduced was also observed in the Upper Juniors.

To develop skills and interest in science the whole school took part in a science week which proved both stimulating and challenging, and Governors helped raise over £300 from science week grant-funding sources.

The Governors have also supported activities within the general ethos of the school e.g. drama productions, sports activities and charity events.

How you can contact the Governing Board

We always welcome suggestions. The Chairman of the Governing Board, Mr John Watts, 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 RESIGNED 31.01.2018	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	11.11.2021
Mr Adam Clayman RESIGNED Summer 2018	Parent	06.10.2020
Mrs Alicia Watkins	Staff	29.06.2019
Mrs Karen De Pietro	The Head	Ex-Officio
Mrs Helen Grover	Foundation DBE	26.02.2022

Governor Attendance Record 2017-2018

Governor	Governing Board	Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	Curriculum Committee
	Meetings held : 4	Meetings held : 4	Meetings held : 3
Mr John Watts	4	-	3
Mr James Tucker	3	4	-
Mrs Vanessa Clandfield	2	-	1
Mr Rupert Thomas	3	-	2
Mrs Linda Holder	1	1	-
Revd Gay Ellis	2	4	-
Mrs Ann Roberts	3	-	3
Mrs Janet Penfold	4	4	-
Mr David Holmes	3	4	1 (Joined Committee)
Mrs Alicia Watkins	3	-	2
Mrs Karen De Pietro	3	3	2
Mr Adam Clayman	0	1 (Observer)	1 (Observer)
Mrs Helen Grover	1 (New Governor)	1	-