

ST PETER'S C.E. (VOLUNTARY AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL SOUTH WEALD



Governance Statement

The Governing Body has overall responsibility for the school, its staff and students. Its key activities in fulfilling that role are to:

- 1) understand the school, e.g. student attainment and progress, attendance, behaviour & safety, quality of teaching and plans for staff development. It discharges this duty through a planned Programme of Governor visits targeted at the Priorities identified in the School Development Day held at the end of the Spring Term, at which the pupils' School Council is in attendance;
- 2) determine the school's strategic direction, e.g. champion its vision, values & ethos and set priorities for school improvement (see also 1. above);
- 3) agree strategies for improvement, allocation of resources and to monitor progress;
- 4) appoint the Headteacher and support his/her leadership, hold the school to account for progress and ensure financial probity and efficiency ('support and challenge').
- 5) regularly carry out self-reviews to ensure method of governance is fit for purpose and Governors have the necessary skills;
- 6) ensure that the school complies with National directives and appropriate legislation.

The Governing Body comprises 14 Governors - eight Foundation Governors (appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education or the Parochial Church Council of St. Peter's Church, South Weald and including the Parish Priest), two members of staff, one of whom is the Headteacher, two elected parents, one Co-Opted Governor (appointed by the Governing Body) and one representative of the Local Authority.

It discharges these responsibilities by the formation of three Committees, one for Pupil and Personnel (P&P) related matters, one for Curriculum oversight and the other with responsibility for Finance and Premises (F&P). The Governing Body meet ten times each year. In addition the Finance and Premises Committee hold an annual Budget Setting Meeting.

Any contact/correspondence with Governors should be made via the Clerk to the Governing Body at the School.

Last Review: September 2020