



## Governors' Report to Parents - 2016-2017

As we come to the end of another academic year, we have put together an Annual Report of the Governors for parents.

It has been a busy year at Monk Fryston Church of England Primary School. We have all be involved in working hard on supporting the strategic direction of the school, staff recruitment, and supporting Mr Weights and his school staff in their exceptional work both for the school, and as a Teaching School and part of the STAR Teaching School Alliance. This year we have welcomed successful new appointments of Mrs Law and Miss Dales as Assistant Head Teachers, and Miss Starr as an additional part of the Senior Leadership Team. Tracey Pickles was appointed Parent Governor at the start of this September 2016 for a four-year term. Mark Stonell's current term as Parent Governor runs out at the end of this academic year – we will be running Parent Governor elections at the start of next term and seeking nominations shortly – and I would like to take the opportunity here to thank Mark for his valuable contribution during appointment and particularly for his work as Safeguarding Link Governor.

As set out below, Governors have, as well as three Full Meetings, two standing Committees – Finance, Premises, & Staffing, and Curriculum & Standards respectively; each Governor has membership of at least one committee, and each also has individual responsibility as a “Link” with a discrete and relevant school issue such as Safeguarding or School Improvement.

As a Church of England School we have Foundation responsibilities; whether our Governors are Foundation, Parent or co-opted, we share a strong and common belief in the core Christian values and ethos of the school, that our pupils – now and in the future – are central to every decision and challenge we make and face. The role of Governors is not to run the school but to support, challenge, and be a critical friend.



The governors would like to congratulate the three winners of the Governors' Award this year – Freya Gatenby, Harry Wainwright, and Amelia Parkin. This award is presented every term to the pupil who has best enacted the aims and values of the school, and each of these pupils has gone above and beyond our expectations in their contributions towards school life.



I would also like to thank all those who contribute to making our school so successful, including those parents who volunteer a great deal of their time to support our activities. The governors took the opportunity earlier this year to formally recognise the outstanding work our PTA does to raise much-needed additional funding for the school. Their current project to improve the outdoor area in EYFS and KS1 will really improve the provision for our youngest children.



As our oldest pupils leave us to face new challenges, we would like to wish them well and hope that the foundations we have laid remain strong throughout their lives. They are a wonderful group of young people, as we saw in the recent KS2 production which was exceptional. We also congratulate them on achieving highly in their final assessments.

‘Where next?’ is the question Governors regularly consider. It would be easy just to continue as we are but in a changing society there may be different approaches that might suit our school even better. Changes in the ways that schools are funded, different demands for services, and the ways these services are provided mean that we have to challenge ourselves to ensure that we place the school in the best position for now and the future.

I have had the privilege of being Chair of Governors for this last year and I thank my fellow Governors – as well as our school staff, and the other friends and supporters of the school, such as our PTA and you parents who support the school so well - for their diligence, hard work and commitment over this period.

*Nick Sheppard, Chair of Governors*

*[July] 2017*

### Constitution of the Governing Body

Name	Term & Appointment	Link Role	Committee Membership
<b>Mr Nick Sheppard (Chair)</b>	(ex-Officio, deputising for the Rector)	Special Education Needs and Disabilities, Performance Management (Headteacher)	Finance, Staffing and Premises; Curriculum
<b>Mrs Liz Tuddenham</b>	(Co-opted; 4-year term of office; Term ends 8/10/2020)	Pupil Premium	Finance, Staffing and Premises
<b>Mrs Lisa Childs</b> Vice Chair	(Foundation Governor; 4-year term of office; Term ends 1/9/2018)	Performance Management (Headteacher), STAR Steering Committee	Finance, Staffing and Premises (Chair)
<b>Mrs Rosie Foster</b>	(Foundation Governor; 4-year term of office; Term ends 1/9/2018)	Health and Safety, Performance Management (Headteacher)	Curriculum
<b>Mr Mark Stonell</b>	(Parent Governor; 4-year term of office; Term ends 1/9/2017)	Safeguarding	Finance, Staffing and Premises
<b>Mr Rick Weights</b>	(Headteacher)		Finance, Staffing and Premises; Curriculum
<b>Mrs Val Law</b>	(Staff Governor; 4-year term of office; Term ends 8/10/2020)	Early Years and Foundation Stage	Curriculum



<b>Mr Kevin Duncan</b>	(Parent Governor; 4-year term of office; Term ends 1/4/2019)	Academy Party	Working	Curriculum (Chair)
<b>Mrs Tracy Pickles</b>	(Parent Governor; 4-year term of office; Term ends September 2020)	School Plan	Development	Curriculum

### Attendance record of governors

A record is kept by the clerk to the governing body, of governors attendance at meetings. There were only 2 absences during the last academic year; one at a full governing body meeting and one at a Finance, Premises & Staffing meeting. Both absences were unavoidable and authorised. All other meetings had 100% attendance.

### The work we have done in our committees

#### Finance, Staffing & Premises

As ever, this has been a busy year for the finance committee. We have seen a number of staffing changes to the school teaching and support staff, and quite a number of recruitment exercises and decisions to make to ensure that the school is appropriately staffed. Changes to support staff and TA hours is regularly renewed to make sure that the students' needs are met. As a committee we are responsible for over-seeing the allocation of funds and approval of forecasts and budgets throughout the financial year. As well as the approval of, what feels like, a considerable list of policies and terms of reference. Any major spending decision is overseen by the finance committee such as the procurement of the chrome-books, buildings and grounds maintenance, upgrades to heating, decoration and purchase of classroom furniture. Appropriate allocation of sports funding is also a matter for the governors. As well as the Monk Fryston school budgets we are also asked to consider and over-see the management of STAR Alliance, School Direct, and Teaching School funds which are held separately from the Monk Fryston budgets.

*Lisa Childs, Chair*

#### Curriculum & Standards

Maths was a focus point for this academic year. Miss Dales and Mrs Lofthouse have work extensively to provide a development plan for the whole school. Introduction of MyMaths as an in-class and homework tool has been particularly popular with the students.

There is continued involvement with the Erasmus project, collaboration of schools across Europe



focusing on reading techniques, sharing best practices between participating schools.

This year has also seen the introduction of Chrome books to the classroom; Mrs Alderson has become the Chromebook leader and has raised the profile of Google/Chromebooks significantly at school.

*Kevin Duncan, Chair*

### Strategic Planning for the future

School improvement themes that will be developed throughout the next academic year include:



- The teaching of writing
- Approaches to pedagogy
- EYFS, including the outdoor area
- Erasmus+ project

### How to contact your governing body

Information about the school's governing body is also available on the governors' page of the school's website.

Should you wish to contact the governing body please do so via

- the school office;
- phone: 01977 682388; or
- email: [admin@monkfryston.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@monkfryston.n-yorks.sch.uk).