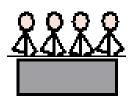


GOVERNORS ANNUAL STATEMENT



Annual Governance Statement

2016-17

(at September 2016)

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of Lampard Community School Governing Body 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 students;
- 3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governance arrangements

The Governing Body of Lampard Community School was re-constituted in 2015 and is now made up of 2 staff governors (including the Headteacher), 3 elected Parent Governors, 1 Local Authority Governor, 2 Foundation Governors and 4 Co-opted governors. Co-opted governors are appointed by the Governing Body and are people who, in the opinion of the governing body, have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

The full Governing Body meets once a month (more frequently if need dictates). See "Our School – Governors" on our website for more information regarding the background and responsibilities of our governors.

Attendance record of governors

Governors have very good attendance at meetings and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not "quorate" (the number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made). See 'Governor Attendance' document for a summary of Governors attendance at meetings.

The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body

The Governing Body has had a particularly busy year, focusing on:

- Quality Assurance particular focus on standards of teaching and learning and outcomes for students.
- School capacity (growth in student numbers, complexity of need and pressures on physical space).
- Safeguarding and welfare of students and staff given the ever increasing complexity of need in our student population.
- financial pressures to meet needs of students whilst readjusting budget in light of cuts in LA funding.

Future plans for the governors	Our 4 key priorities for the forthcoming year are to: 1. continue the outstanding work of students, staff and governors to ensure our impending Ofsted inspection has a positive outcome and reflects the exemplary work staff are undertaking to maximise learning opportunities, progress, achievement, attainment and positive transition outcomes for each and every Lampard student. 2. maintain a balanced and stable budget whilst providing
	 maintain a balanced and stable budget whilst providing appropriate resource levels to meet the holistic needs of our students. ensure placements to the school are within Health and Safety risk assessment protocol for the existing estate and individual special educational and physical needs for students and staff alike create an aspirational, visionary and costed estates
	strategy to maximise the efficient use of our land assets and build accommodation suitable for a school for 150+ students.
How you can contact the governing body	We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, Kevin Harris, via the Clerk to Governors Alison Rubenchik at the school: 01271 345416 or arubenchik@lampard.devon.sch.uk

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