

## Annual Governance Statement for the Local Governing Body of South Stanley Infant and Nursery School 2023-2024

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all local governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of the Local Governing Body of South Stanley Infant and Nursery School are:

1. To ensure and support the clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the School and the Partnership.
2. To hold the Headteacher and Head of School to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
3. To oversee the financial performance of the school in terms of Pupil Premium and Sports Premium, and making sure its money is well spent.

### **Local Governance Arrangements**

The Local Governing Body of South Stanley Infant and Nursery School was re-constituted on 1 January 2017 when it became part of Stanley Learning Partnership Multi Academy Trust.

Over the previous academic year, the Partnership held a review of the Local Governing Bodies and their instruments of schools within the Partnership.

There was clear rationale to amend the Instrument of Government for each Local Governing Body.

The new Instrument now consists of the following members:  
The Headteacher, 1 Teaching Staff Governor, 1 Non-Teaching Staff Governor, 2 Parent Governors, 3 General Governors.  
There is currently a full complement of Local Governors.

Any Trustee has the right to attend any meeting of the Local Governing Body.

General Governors are appointed by the Local Governing Body and are people who, in the opinion of the Partnership and Local Governing Body have the skills required to contribute to the effective Governance and success of the school: on our Local Governing Body, a skills audit exercise has taken place to identify how Local Governors can best provide support to the school and to the Partnership in general.

The Local Governing Body meets at least twice each term, as we also have agreed to meet in 'Special Meeting' forums to consider different aspects of the school in detail. The Local Governors also have a Pay Review Committee which is delegated responsibility to attend to pay issues of teaching staff below the leadership level.

	<p>Here at South Stanley Infant and Nursery School, we also receive regular updates from subject leaders, as well as updates in relation to Safeguarding and Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).</p>
<p><b>Attendance Record of Local Governors</b></p>	<p>Local Governors under the new Instrument have met termly. Thus far, under the new instrument, we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not "quorate" (the number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made).</p>
<p><b>Key Issues Faced and Addressed by the Governing Body</b></p>	<p>The Local Governing Body had a busy year 2022-23 with some key changes to Governors. The Governors have continued focusing on school improvement while adapting to the new structure.</p> <p>Local Governors have spent time considering key data, analysing the results of pupil achievement and progress, so that we can be sure that the school is on track to fulfil its challenging targets for all pupils across Nursery, EYFS and the Key Stage 1 phase. We continue to focus on 'vulnerable' groups of children and how the pupil premium grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has on their outcomes. The impact of Covid has also been an issue to address.</p> <p>The Local Governors are supported by key members of staff and the Caretaker plays a key role in the area of Health and Safety. Local Governors are updated termly in relation to Health and Safety and Security. The Office Manager also plays a key role when the school, as part of the Partnership undertakes both external and internal audits, which reviews financial procedures.</p> <p>Local Governors are also concerned about safeguarding and the Operations Director for the Partnership liaises with the school about any safeguarding matters.</p> <p>A Data Protection Officer (DPO) has also been appointed to manage GDPR Requirements and full training has been given to Local Governors and Staff.</p> <p>The Local Governing Body continues to work well in partnership with the staff at the school and are regular visitors into school.</p> <p>Minutes of Local Governing Body and Special meetings are public documents. Ask at the school office if you would like to see the minutes of any of our meetings.</p>
<p><b>Future Plans for the Local Governing Body</b></p>	<p>To continue to work on any areas for improvement identified in the School Improvement Plan and review the SEF with Key Members of Staff.</p>
<p><b>Contact Details</b></p>	<p>The Local Governing Body welcomes suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents/carers. Please contact Mrs Sarah Golightly, Chair of the Local Governing Body via the school office.</p> <p>Details of the full Local Governing Body are available on the school website.</p>