

Annual Governance Statement 2016/2017

This annual governance statement gives a brief overview of the activities of the Governing Body over the last year. It is intentionally brief as we always aim to report significant activities as they happen throughout the year via the school newsletter. Therefore it probably contains little that you haven't already heard, just a summary of the year's highlights. As Governing Body of Kingsway Infant school, we are proud of the school and its ethos.

The role of the Governing Body at Kingsway Infant school is:

- 1) Setting the strategic direction of the school.
- 2) Holding the school to account.
- 3) Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure money is well spent.

The Governing Body will act with integrity and always be open about the decisions made and actions taken.

Strategic Direction

Ofsted Inspection, which was carried out in June 2017: Good with outstanding leadership. Following a formal consultation period it was decided that Kingsway Infant and Junior School would not amalgamate. However both the schools have maintained an excellent working relationship.

Holding the School to Account

The Governing Body has a responsibility to ensure that the headteacher and staff are adhering to the school's policies and delivering the best possible outcomes for all children. School policies are reviewed on a rolling programme throughout the year, and the Governing Body has statutory responsibility for some of these. Policies are published on our website. The Governing Body is also responsible for setting and monitoring the aims described in the School Improvement Plan. A summary of the School Improvement Plan is also published on our website.

One of the challenges from the Ofsted report is raising standards in reading, writing and maths. The school has worked to encourage parental involvement with reading at home; children are rewarded for regular time spent reading with their families. The school has invested in the Mighty Writer resource which will have a positive impact on reading and writing. Year 1 Phonics has improved from 55% last year to 71% this year, much nearer to the National Average.

Financial Well – Being of the School

Pressure on school budgets is greater than ever. The Governing Body therefore believes it is to the credit of Mrs T-Walmsley and Miss Byrne that school finances remain strong in such challenging circumstances. We will continue to monitor school finances on a regular basis to ensure the best value for money is being obtained and the long term viability of the school is secured.

Governance

Attendance of training is important for all governors so we can be as effective as possible in our role to secure school improvement. This way the Governing Body are kept up to date with rules, regulations and changes that affect the Local Authority, staff, parents and the community.