

# Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body Terling C of E [Voluntary Aided] Primary School September 2021-July 2022

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of Terling Primary School Governing Body are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure that money is well spent.

Although the school has been open throughout the year, some staff and pupils continue to be affected by COVID. Absent pupils are set work on Google Classroom. Thank you to Mrs Meares and all the Staff for covering classes for absent colleagues.

We are pleased to report that there have been no Governor resignations during the year. We have one vacancy. We are also very fortunate to have the continued support of Ceri Jones, Head Teacher of Chipping Hill School and Mike Gee who is a National Leader in Governance.

The Full Governing Body met twice a term mostly on a video link. The Finance Committee met once a term, also remotely.

Governors were pleased to be able to visit the school in person to monitor their areas of interest.

We would like to thank FOTs, Mrs Robin Meares for her language teaching, all the volunteers who come into school to support the children and everyone who has generously donated materials and equipment.

Special thanks to Mrs Sarah Meares and all the Staff for all they do to support the pupils both in their learning and wellbeing. *Sarah McNamara Chair of Governors - on behalf of the Governing Body*

## Constitution of the Governing Body

**1 Staff Governor** - Andrew Sime

**2 Elected Parent Governors** –Davinia Wynne and Lisa Curtis

**1 Local Authority Governor** – Ruth Santos-Brien

**6 Foundation Governors** Mark Clayden, and Andrew Redmond appointed by the Parochial Church Council . [1 vacancy]

Alison Taylor, Elisabeth Millard and Annette Hurst appointed by the Diocesan Education Committee

**Ex officio Members** - Sarah Meares Head Teacher

Sarah McNamara representing All Saints' Church

**Clerk** – Peter Clancy

Ceri Jones, Headteacher, Chipping Hill School and Pauline Davis, Finance Manager, are also invited to attend the meetings

## Meet the Governors: September 2020 -July 2022

### Head Teacher

Mrs Sarah Meares

As Head Teacher is an ex-officio member of the Governing body.

### Staff Representative:

Andrew Sime

Andy has been a governor at Terling School since 2011, first as a Parent Governor and now as a Staff Representative. He works as the school's Higher Level Teaching Assistant, teaching all classes, from Reception to Year 6.

### Parent Governors –

Lisa Curtis

Lisa has lived in Chelmsford for 9 years and has a son in Reception and another son at Hillside Playcare. She has 13 years of experience as a secondary Design and Technology teacher, having worked in both state and private education in and out of London. Prior to becoming a teacher, she worked as an Urban Designer and Architectural Assistant.

Davinia Wynne

Davinia was appointed as Parent Governor in 2020. She has two sons at the school, one in Year 6 and the other in Year 3. Davinia has experience in purchasing and procurement for large organisations. She is Chair of the Finance Committee.

### **Foundation Governors – appointed by the Diocesan Education Committee:**

#### Annette Hurst

Annette has lived in Terling for 10 years. She is a regular attendant of All Saints Church and sits on the Parochial Church Council. Annette has had experience of primary school life whilst working as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant before pursuing a career in property, where she is now Sales and Marketing Director of a national housebuilder.

#### Alison Taylor

Alison is a doctor, now retired, specialising in IVF and fertility treatment. She regularly worships at All Saints' Church

#### Elisabeth Millard

Became governor in September 2019 and is a parent of two children, one in Year 5 and one in Year 1. She is a teacher at Chipping Hill Primary School in Witham and has 14 years of primary teaching experience.

### **Foundation Governors – appointed by the Parochial Church Council:**

#### Mark Clayden

Mark joined the Governors in September 2019. He has worked for thirty five years in regulation, law and compliance for international banks. He is Chairman of Kids Alive/Stand by me, a charity supporting children all over the world with sponsorship, education and health programmes.

#### Andrew Redmond

Andrew is retired. He has many years experience in school estate management and health and safety in schools, working with Government departments and Local Authorities.

### **Local Authority Governor – appointed by Essex County Council:**

#### Ruth Santos-Brien

Ruth lives in Terling and has two children at the school. She works in a global consulting firm. As a volunteer at the school, she loves helping children learn about other languages and cultures as well as running the Lego Club.

### **Ex- Officio – representing All Saints' Church**

#### Sarah McNamara

Sarah is a retired primary school teacher. She has lived in Terling all her life, apart from a spell in Germany when she taught in British Forces' Schools. She is a Churchwarden and is fully involved in the life of the village.

## **Attendance at Meetings – September 2021 – July 2022**

The Governing Body met twice a term. There is also a Finance and Premises Committee which met each term and reported to the full Governing Body. Most meetings were held virtually.

Our Clerk, Peter Clancy, is retiring in July. He has been our Clerk since September 2018 and we have all valued his support and guidance. We would like to thank him and wish him well for the future.

Minutes of the Governor's meetings are available in the School Office.

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Attendance of meetings out of total possible number of meetings</b>
Ruth Santos Brien	3/6
Mark Clayden	6/6
Lisa Curtis	5/6
Annette Hurst	3/6
Sarah McNamara	6/6
Sarah Meares	6/6
Elisabeth Millard	5/6
Andrew Redmond	5/6
Andrew Sime	4/6
Alison Taylor	6/6
Davinia Wynne	5/6

## **2021/2022 Academic Year**

Governors' monitoring continues to be aligned to the School Development Plan.

We have been pleased to have presentations from Curriculum Leaders at our meetings. These have increased our knowledge regarding the teaching of the subjects and, in most cases, these have been followed by a Governor visit. In the light of the Government White Paper 'Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child', published in March 2022, we are liaising with the Diocese and the Local Authority to look to the long term future of the school.

The Governors will continue to work with Mrs Meares and her Staff to support the needs of all the pupils.

## **Contacting the Governing Body**

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, Sarah McNamara, via the school office.