

Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Sherburn High School

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of Sherburn High 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 pupils
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

Governance arrangements

The Governing Body of Sherburn High School was reconstituted in March 2015 and is now made up of:

- 6 parent Governors
- 1 LA Governor
- 1 Staff Governor
- 1 Headteacher
- 3 Co-opted Governors

The governors require skills in finance, buildings and premises, health and safety, child protection, data analysis and strategic planning.

The Governing Body has a programme of meetings throughout the school year, in which all governors are involved, and each governor is linked to a specific area of governance to further develop knowledge. There is also a committee of governors dealing with finance in detail which reports back to the full Governing Body.

Agreed responsibilities are:

Disadvantaged groups: Tracy Perrin, Carole Middleton

Curriculum Leaders including Sixth Form: Bob Packham, Clare Thornton-Eckford

Data monitoring: Mark Saunders, Tracy Perrin, Sue Thirsk, Louise Fletcher

SEN & Safeguarding: Carole Middleton, Mark Saunders, Bob Packham

Wellbeing: Sandra Cox, Louise Fletcher

Premises: Bob Packham, Muhammad Kanaa

Finance: Tracy Perrin, Sandra Cox, Bruce Scriven, Mark Saunders

English & Literacy: Sue Thirsk, Clare Thornton-Eckford

Complaints: Louise Fletcher, Bob Packham, Bruce Scriven, Muhammad Kanaa

Attendance record of governors

A record is kept by the clerk to the Governing Body of attendance at meetings. Details of attendance can be found at page 2.

Meetings need to be quorate to ensure that decisions can be made.

The work we have done in our governing body meetings during the last year

- Continued to support the head teacher
- Spotlight visits on the Science, MFL departments and 6th form
- Governors worked with SLT on link areas including boys, lower prior attainment, disadvantaged groups, 6th form, marking and feedback, data analysis and SEN & safeguarding
- Performance Management of the Head Teacher
- Linked governors to subject areas
- Attending training events and Senior Leadership Team conferences
- Constant monitoring and evaluation of performance data and tracking
- Financial management
- Worked with STAR alliance, Collaboration for Learning groups
- Continue to explore possibilities of MATs
- Policy review

All approved minutes of the Governing Body are available to view on the school website.

Strategic Planning for the future

The Governing Body has identified 4 key priorities as follows:

1. Getting to the school to “Good” then “Outstanding”
2. Ensuring financial stability
3. Maintaining a viable 6th form
4. Developing collaboration

How to contact your Governing Body

Information about the school’s Governing Body is available on the governors’ page of the school’s website.

The Sherburn High School Governing Body – membership

Governor	Category	Term of office expiry date
Maria Williams	Headteacher	
Lizzie Stockton-Pitt	Staff Governor	14/10/21
Robert Packham	Local Authority	31/05/21
Carole Middleton	Co-opted	24/03/19
Tracy Perrin	Co-opted	24/03/19
Sandra Cox	Co-opted	24/03/19
Clare Thornton-Eckford	Parent	06/10/19
Mark Saunders	Parent	16/04/21
Sue Thirsk	Parent	06/10/19
Louise Fletcher	Parent	24/03/19
Bruce Scriven	Parent	24/03/19
Muhammad Kanaa	Parent	24/01/21

The Sherburn High School Governors' Attendance record

All Governor meetings are quorate. Governor attendance has been at a very good level; any absences have been fully explained, approved and accepted by the governing body. There are no causes for concern.