

## Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School 2016

In accordance with the Government's requirements for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of the Edmondsley Primary 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.

<b>Governance arrangements</b>	<p>The Governing Body of Edmondsley Primary School was Re-constituted in October 2014 and is made up of 12 governors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 Parent Governors</li> <li>1 Head Teacher</li> <li>1 Staff Governor</li> <li>1 Local Authority Governor</li> <li>5 Co-opted/Community Governors</li> </ul> <p>The full Governing Body meets once each term, and we also have a number of committee consider different aspects of the school in detail. At Edmondsley Primary we have a Finance, Buildings and Personnel Committee which focuses on finance, premises and some personnel matters; a Curriculum, Standards and achievement Committee which considers the school curriculum and pupil achievement and a Pay and Performance Committee. We also have a Working Party of Governors who are working towards achieving Governor Mark.</p>
<b>Attendance record of governors</b>	<p>Most governors have excellent attendance at meetings and we have never had to cancel a meeting because it was not 'quorate' [the number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made].</p>
<b>The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body</b>	<p>The Governing Body has had a busy year, focusing on school improvement and in particular on the changes that have been made by the Department for Education to the School Curriculum, Assessment procedures and arrangements for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.</p> <p>Governors have regularly monitored School Improvement points and shared reports with the FGB.</p> <p>A new Chair, Vice Chair, Deputy Head and Year 5/6 teacher was appointed for September 2016.</p> <p>A whole School Safeguarding Audit was carried out in Spring 2016.</p> <p>A Governing Body Health Check was also carried out in the summer term 2016.</p> <p>Governors met in the summer term to celebrate the years' achievements and to discuss priorities for the coming year.</p>
<b>Future plans for the governors</b>	<p>Governors will continue to Monitor the school's progress to meeting objectives set. Through Monitoring Visits, governors will reflect on our School Self Evaluation and consider possible future areas for development – short or longer term goals.</p> <p>Our Governing Body are dedicated to carry out their Strategic Functions successfully. To support their drive to do this, Governors are working towards achieving the Governor Mark.</p>
<b>How you can contact the governing body</b>	<p>Please contact our Chair of Governors, Mr Stuart Hogarth.</p>