Puriton Primary School

Governors' Annual Statement September 2023

Purpose

Since the merger of Clevedon Learning Trust (CLT) with Futura Learning Partnership, Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) have been renamed Local Governance Committee (LGC). They are responsible for recruitment and appointment of their Governors and hold each school to account for achievement of standards and performance and for local budgets. They are advised by the relevant Headteacher and work with the CEO and Director for Education in the performance management of the HT. Their aim is to achieve and maintain outstanding performance in all aspects of the life of the Academy.

LGCs should undertake an annual self-evaluation and regularly undertake 360-degree appraisal of their Chair.

Terms of reference

The LGC is responsible for:

- Strategic Direction and Culture
- Performance
- Policies and procedures (including safeguarding)
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Governors 2023/24

Chair of Governors - Mrs Tessa Miller - tessa.miller@puritonprimaryschool.org.uk

Vice Chair of Governors – Mr Christopher Williams

Child Protection and Safeguarding Governor - Mrs Tessa Miller

Full list of LGC Governors:

Mrs Trish Lee (Elected Staff Governor)
Mrs Tessa Miller (Appointed Governor)
Mr Nicholas Tait (Appointed Governor)
Rev Kirsty Wells (Appointed Governor)
Mrs Amy Williams (Appointed Governor)
Mr Christopher Williams (Appointed Parent Governor)
Miss Katie Williams (Head Teacher)

Mrs Kate Cox (Clerk)

What were the key issues and challenges faced by Governors in 2022/23 and how were they addressed?

- Staffing

Governors were involved in the promotion of the Head of School to Head Teacher.

- Merger with Futura

Puriton School has been part of Clevedon Learning Trust since 2017; upon the resignation of the CEO, it was decided by the Trustees that the academy should merge with Futura Learning Partnership. There has, inevitably, been a time of transition during which time the Governors have supported the staff and been proactive in feeding into Futura Management suggestions on, for instance, the updated Scheme of Delegation.;

- Ofsted

The visit by Ofsted in May 2023 involved the Governors and we were pleased that the school remains 'Good'; the inspectors were very complimentary about many areas in the school including Governance and were able to give advice on which areas should be improved. School leaders and Governors support the suggested areas for development and Governors will be monitoring progress.

Governors' priorities 2023-24

- Post-Ofsted actions

As stated above, Governors will support and monitor the action plan devised by the Senior Leadership Team to ensure good progress is made.

- To continue to work co-operatively with Futura management for the good of the school and the whole Academy.

- Governor skills

Governors to share a wide range of skills and expertise from their professional lives to benefit the whole school community. Governors to be knowledgeable of school strengths and areas of development. Governors to undertake such training and development to assist them in carrying out their roles.

- Well-being

Governors to be aware of the well-being of staff and children and give support as required; appoint governor(s) for well-being. Ensuring the development of children, not only academically, but spiritually, morally, socially, and culturally.

- Scrutiny

To continue to scrutinise and analyse of data provided to Governors, review policies, documentation and risk assessments, budget setting and monitor school finances to ensure that money is well spent; holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils. Monitoring how Pupil Premium, catch up funding and sports funding grants are being spent to help close the gaps between disadvantaged children and their peers. Monitor attendance.

- Vision, ethos, and strategic direction

Ensure clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction.

Tessa Miller
September 2023