



**MONTBELLE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of  
Montbelle Primary School 2017-18**

The Governing Body of Montbelle Primary School has a strong focus on the three core strategic functions:

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 and the performance management of staff;
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

**Governance Arrangements**

The full governing body meets three times in the autumn term and twice in the Spring and Summer term. The governing body also has a Pay and Pay Appeals Committee which meets annually. Full governing body meetings are professionally clerked and agendas and approved minutes are kept in the school office.

Governors are also linked to areas or aspects of the school. Governors who visit the school provide a written report which is shared with the governing body.

A list of governing body members is available on the school website together with their individual responsibilities. Governors have a wide spread of knowledge and expertise and are part of the committees which utilise their skills.

**Key issues addressed by the governing body 2017-18**

The governing body has fulfilled its statutory duties in terms of monitoring all areas of the school's work and offering support and challenge through the agreed agenda of the committee and the agendas of full governing body meetings. Some of the areas covered this year:

- Rigorous monitoring of the School Development Plan
- Monitoring the use of Pupil Premium and PE Premium funding
- Ensuring that the school website is statutorily compliant

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring of pupil progress across the school and ensuring there is a broad offer of curriculum to all students</li> <li>• Rigorous budget management and assurances of 'best value'</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment of Impact</b>	<p>Governors provide a high level of challenge to the Head Teacher and the school. They consider a range of documents and data provided by the school in order to judge the impact of strategies within the school. Governors also visit the school to meet with staff to gain a greater understanding of the school and the ongoing urgency in raising standards. The school's Improvement Partner provides notes of visit which are considered at governing body meetings.</p> <p>Governors monitor finance stringently to ensure the school's budget is spent to achieve the best possible outcomes for students.</p>
<b>Future plans for the governing body</b>	<p>The governing body will continue to work closely with the school leaders to ensure that the ambitious targets for school improvement are achieved.</p> <p>Talking to staff, pupils and parents to hear their views on the changes that have taken place in the work of the school over the year.</p> <p>Increase the number of visits to the school, talking with teachers about their roles in school and how they monitor the progress and attainment of pupils.</p> <p>The governing body is also keen on developing current and future partnership with other schools</p>
<b>Contact Details</b>	<p>The governing body welcomes suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents/carers. Please contact the Chair of Governors c/o Montbelle Primary School.</p>