



**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of
Montbelle Primary School 2020-21**

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 six times a year. Areas covered are finance, premises, staffing matters, pupil progress and achievement and the quality of teaching and learning. The Governing Body has a Pay and Appeals Committee which meets annually. Full governing body meetings are professionally clerked and agendas and approved minutes are available.

A list of governing body members and their individual responsibilities is available on the school website. Governors have a wide spread of knowledge and expertise and have responsibilities linked to areas or aspects of the School Development Plan. Governors visit the school (virtually and in person) and provide a written report which is shared with the Governing Body.

Key issues addressed by the governing body 2020-21

The past school year has been challenging with extra pressures due to Covid19. Staff have had to learn new skills to enable home learning and also contend with various periods of self-isolation for themselves, their bubble or individual children. Despite the difficulties faced the governing body, it has fulfilled its statutory duties in terms of monitoring all areas of the schools work and offering support through the agreed agendas of full governing body meetings which have been held via Zoom or Teams. Some of the areas covered this year include:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring of the School Development Plan • Monitoring the use of Pupil Premium • Monitoring of pupil progress across the school and ensuring there is a broad offer of curriculum to all students • Budget management and assurance of 'best value' • A new school website that is statutorily compliant
Assessment of Impact	<p>Governors provide a high level of challenge to the Head Teacher and the school whilst also providing support where needed. They consider a range of documents and data provided in order to judge the impact of strategies. Governors would normally visit the school regularly to gain a greater understanding and the ongoing urgency in raising standards. This has not happened this year but governors have had virtual visits where possible.</p> <p>Governors stringently monitor the schools finances to ensure that the best possible outcomes are achieved by all students.</p>
Future plans for the governing body	<p>The governing body will continue to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with school leaders to ensure that the key priorities for school improvement are achieved. • Talk to staff, pupils and parents to hear their views on the work of the school. • Maintain visits to the school (virtually or face-to face) and talk to teachers and support staff about their roles in school and how progress and attainment of pupils is monitored.
Contact Details	<p>The governing body welcomes suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents/carers. Please contact the Chair of Governors c/o Montbelle Primary School.</p>