



The Wolds and Vale Federation

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WOLDS & VALE GOVERNING BODY

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2018-19

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all Governing Bodies, the three core strategic functions of the Wolds & Vale Governing Body are:

1. **Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction**
2. **Holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of our schools and their pupils.**
3. **Overseeing the financial performance of our Federation and making sure the money is well spent.**

Work we have done this year

This year we have had to be even more vigilant in **scrutinising expenditure** as a result of the fall in school budgets. On studying our three year budget projections, we have concluded that some plans may have to be adapted and contracts revisited in order to avoid a deficit in future years.

We have **approved** the adaptation and scaling back of proposed building works at Luttons and have examined all Federation service contracts to ensure we are getting the best value for money.

We continue to **analyse** the data on children's progress and achievement, questioning the HT about any problematic issues and examining the **impact** of teaching and learning strategies.

We have **visited** our schools to enhance our knowledge and understanding, so that we may carry out our role more effectively in identifying that **impact**.

We have continued to **develop our Vision for the federation**.

We have **ensured** that all appropriate policies are in place at both schools by regular scheduled policy reviews.



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Training

Several Governors have been on training courses to improve their knowledge and understanding of the responsibilities of governance. They report back to the next Full Governing Body meeting so that all governors may benefit.

- ❖ **Head Teacher Performance Management** – [Chair] – Scarborough Teaching Alliance
- ❖ **Safeguarding** – [Staff & Governors] – delivered 'in house' by HT
- ❖ **School Finances – Avoiding a Budget Deficit** – NYCC
- ❖ **Leading Efficient and Effective Schools** – Scarborough Teaching Alliance
- ❖ **Introduction to Governance** – NYCC
- ❖ **School Improvement Network Meetings** – two this year – NYCC

We have also completed several online training courses associated with aspects of Safeguarding in accordance with Government recommendations.

Governance arrangements

The Wolds & Vale Governing Body consists of:

2 Parent Governors – *elected by the parents*

1 Head Teacher – *ex officio*

1 Staff Governor – *elected by the staff*

1 Local Authority Governor – *(vacancy)*

4 Co-opted Governors – *(co-opted by the other governors)*

2 Foundation Governors

Foundation Governors are appointed by the York Diocesan Board of Education, after consultation with the relevant Parochial Church Council.

The Full Governing Body meets 6 times a year. Working Groups, who focus on specific aspects of governance, e.g. Finance, Standards, SEND meet before the Full Governing Body Meetings and report their findings to the meeting.



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How to contact your Governing Body

Please contact your Governing Body through either school website by clicking 'Contact Us', or by leaving a letter or message in either school office.

Governing Body Members

Val Bottomley – Chair of Governors, Co-opted

Nicky Skelton – Vice Chair, Parent Governor

Ian Taylor – Head Teacher

Rev. Andy Bowden – Foundation Governor

Kim Childs – Co-opted

Christine Fenwick – Co-opted

Rev. Joe Kinsella – Foundation Governor

Chris Moorwood – Staff Governor

Sam Watson – Parent Governor

Tom Webborn – Co-opted Governor

Vacancy – LA Governor [appointed by the local Authority]

No Governors have any relevant business interests.

Other schools:

Val Bottomley is LA Governor at West Heslerton CofE Primary School.

Rev. Andy Bowden is a Foundation Governor at Weaverthorpe CofE Primary School.

Rev. Joe Kinsella is a Foundation Governor at West Heslerton CofE Primary School.