



Mrs Kate Coulson Chair of Governors; Safeguarding Governor Trust-Appointed Governor



Mrs Victoria Smith Trust-Appointed Governor



Mrs Agnieszka Bednarska-Piszczek – Vice Chair of Governors; SEND Governor; Trust-Appointed Governor



Ms Claire Trolley Staff Governor



Mrs Sian Blackwell – Co-Headteacher



Mrs Charley Oldham – Co-Headteacher



Ms Natalie Moyes Trust-Appointed Governor

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Vacancy – Parent Governor

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Miss Michelle Warner Trust-Appointed Governor

Mr Lee Winston Trust-Appointed Governor



The role of governor requires dedication to our long-term vision of raising standards by inspiring a commitment to lifelong learning. We are committed to ensuring that our core school values are upheld. The three main strategic functions of the role are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the
 performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

The purpose of having a governing body is to:

- Help the school to set high standards by planning for the school's future and setting targets for school improvement
- Keep the pressure up on school improvement
- Be a critical friend to the school, offering support and advice
- Help the school respond to the needs of parents and the community
- Make the school accountable to the public for what it does
- Work with the school on planning, developing policies and keeping the school under review
- Exercise its responsibilities and powers in partnership with the head teacher and staff
- Not to intervene in the day-to-day management of the school unless there are weaknesses in the school, when it then has a duty to take action.

Cogenhoe Primary School

Governors' key tasks and legal responsibilities

At Cogenhoe Primary we are committed to outstanding governance. To ensure that this is upheld, governors are required to commit to the follow tasks and responsibilities:

Education and school performance

- The curriculum To ensure that all children have access to a broad and balanced curriculum, suitable to age and ability. This curriculum should be preparing them for their adult life
- The education of children with special educational needs (SEN) and looked after children – To ensure that a high standard of education is provided to meet the needs of the individual child
- Ofsted inspections To be up to date on Ofsted requirements to be a good to outstanding school and to be available at the time of an inspection to support the governance team
- Managing any official school complaints

Teachers and support staff

- Annual appraisal of the head teacher's performance
- Pre-employment checks
- Teacher appraisal, grievance, discipline and capability processes

Organisational changes to the school and the use of school premises

- Converting to academy status
- Making other changes to the school
- The admissions process and appeals
- Relationships with parents

Pupil wellbeing

- The wellbeing of pupils, including school safety and security
- Behaviour, attendance and discipline
- Reviewing decisions by the head teacher to exclude pupils
- Food and uniform policy
- Safeguarding pupils
- Supporting employees or volunteers facing an allegation

School finance

- Accountability for how school money is spent
- Financial planning, expenditure and accounting arrangements
- Benchmarking spending against others to improve efficiency