



**Annual Governance Statement for the Local Governing Body of
Snettisham Primary School
July 2017**

In accordance with both the requirements of the Academy Trust and in line with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of Snettisham School Local Governing Body are:

- 1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school**
- 2. Agreeing the school improvement strategy, priorities and targets with the Executive Head and Trustees**
- 3. Ensuring the school meets its statutory duties relating to Special Educational Needs, Child Protection, Safeguarding and the Curriculum**

Governance arrangements

The Governing Body of Snettisham Primary School was re-constituted in 2014/15 in line with the West Norfolk Academies Trust and is made up of 3 Staff Governors (including the Executive Head), 2 elected Parent Governors, 5 Trust Appointed Governors and the Clerk. The Governing Body are people who, in the opinion of the Trust, have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school: Our Governing Body includes parents, members of the local community and members who have previously worked in the teaching profession.

The Local Governing Body meets twice each term and a smaller committee meets twice a year to review the school polices. At each meeting we work to a strict agenda which includes amongst other topics Key Performance data, a Head teachers report, a review of the School Improvement and Development Plan, school polices and a review of governor monitoring conducted in school.

Attendance record of governors

Governors have an excellent attendance record at meetings and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not "quorate" (the number of governors needed to ensure that decisions can be made).

The work that we have done as a governing body

2016/17 proved to be another busy and exciting year for Snettisham School. The school welcomed the appointment of Nicky Darley and Emma Hunt as our new Executive & Deputy Head. We opened our new building which includes two new classrooms. Bobtails, the village preschool provision, agreed to move into part of our new building and share in the fantastic facilities this has to offer. While Bobtails will continue to maintain its independent status members of the governing body and school staff have joined the Bobtails committee to support and further develop the relationship between the two. I am confident this partnership will enhance both the learning and future development of our younger children as they work towards school age. Ofsted made their expected visit and we were successful in acquiring our 'Good' status something we have all been working hard towards for the past three years and which has cemented our place as a key part of the West Norfolk Academy Trust. With the economic environment constantly changing we had to consider and review the schools position in terms of staffing and budgets but I am pleased to report that we have managed to maintain our four class structure and keep class numbers below 30 pupils something that I feel is a real benefit and will be very appealing to parents who may be looking at school places when they move into the area.

Other areas governors have been involved in include:

- Working closely with the new senior leadership team and subject leaders to support the development of the learning environment in order to give our pupils a broader educational experience.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitored and worked towards fulfilling our action plan to ensure we are equipped to support the school leadership team.• Focused on the School Improvement and Development Plan (SIDP) and successfully delivered against several key objectives• Supported the Executive Head on decisions around staffing and recruitment including a new Key Stage one teacher• Discussed and reviewed key data around pupil achievement and progress in order that we could be sure that the school was on track to fulfil its targets for all pupils.• Worked closely with the Friends committee to organise trips and purchase a new chilled cabinet so that pupils can store their pack lunches• We met with parents at parent evenings and encouraged them to complete feedback questionnaires and the online tool 'Parent View' in order that this could influence and support our meeting with Ofsted. We had a tremendous response and the results have been used as part of our SIDP• Attended local cluster meetings with the Executive Head• Implemented a new working party who now meet twice a year with the Executive Head to review the school policies. (These are then presented to the Local Governing Body (LGB) for acceptance).
Future plans for the governors	<p>The Governing Body is looking forward to the new school year and will be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitoring and reviewing performance data and using this to drive improvements in teaching and learning ensuring the school supports both those who are achieving and stretches the more able.• Utilising the feedback in the Ofsted report to build and develop an action plan to help us strive towards an 'Outstanding School status'• Develop links with both Smithdon and Springwood high schools ensuring we utilise their facilities and resources• Recruiting new members – at this point in time we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor• Continue to develop stronger links with the local parish council and other groups within the village
Contacting the Governing Body	<p>We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents - Please feel free to contact the Chair of Governors Andy Gee either in the playground or via the school office if you have any questions.</p> <p>You can see the full list of governors; their attendance at meetings and more information about what we do, on the Governors' page of the school website.</p> <p>Minutes of Governing Body meetings are public documents – you can either find them on the Governors' page of our website or you can ask at the school office if you would like to see them.</p> <p>www.snettisham-primary.co.uk www.westnorfolkacademiestrust.co.uk</p>