

Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Board of Great Bradfords Infant and Nursery School

July 2020

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of the Great Bradfords Infant and Nursery School Governing Board are:

Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governance arrangements

The Governing Board of Great Bradfords Infant and Nursery School was re-constituted in 2019 and is now made up of 2 staff governors (including the Headteacher), 2 elected Parent Governors, 1 Local Authority Governor and 6 Co-opted governors. Co-opted governors are appointed by the Governing Board and are people who are felt to have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. On our Governing Board the Co-opted governors are comprised of members of the local community.

The full Governing Board meets twice each term with each meeting having a focus on either Finance and Premises or Curriculum Matters and Personnel. We also have committees and/or working parties that meet, if required, to consider pupil discipline, staffing matters, or any other issue to be undertaken outside of main Governing Board meetings.

Due to school closure during the COVID 19 pandemic, arrangements were also made to accommodate remote meetings via Zoom to ensure Governors could still discuss and support the school.

See p3 for a list of Governors.

Attendance record of governors	<p>Governors have good attendance at meetings and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not “quorate” (the number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made). See p4 for details of individual governors’ attendance at meetings.</p>
The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body	<p>The Governing Board has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitored pupil progress including boys v girls, pupil premium pupils, SEND pupils, EAL, etc • Ensured that our school is appropriately staffed • Reviewed the School Development Plan • Monitored Behaviour, Safeguarding & Safety • Carried out termly Health & Safety Walks and provided a report to governors to ensure that risks are dealt with as quickly as possible • Monitored Pupil Premium and Sports Grant funding to ensure that it has maximum impact for pupils • Continued to monitor the uptake of UFISM • Ensured that an appropriate Budget was agreed and that the schools finances are monitored to ensure that spending is effective in producing best value for money and impact on the school • Reviewed and agreed policies • Ensured that Governors received appropriate training • Monitored pupils attendance • Reviewed the performance and impact of the Head Teacher • Worked effectively within the guidelines of the Governor Work Plan and overhauled our Monitoring Policy

	<p>including implementing a more robust approach to Safeguarding Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported and ratified all necessary changes to ensure compliance with COVID 19 mitigation measures
Future plans for the governors	<p>The Governing Board is looking forward to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the impact of the drive toward deepening the understanding of higher attaining learners • Monitoring pupil progress to ensure that standards are maintained and improved where possible • Ensuring that our funding is appropriately spent and impact is monitored • Ensuring governors receive relevant and updated training to aid in continuing effective governance • Reviewing and streamlining policies so they remain clear, but concise • Supporting the school and staff with all necessary means and measures to keep our students and staff safe
How you can contact the governing body	<p>We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs. Gilbert, via the school office. You can see the full list of governors, their attendance at meetings, minutes of governing body meetings, and more information about what we do on the Governors' page of the school website.</p>

Great Bradfords Infant and Nursery School Governing Body

Governor	Category	Term of office expiry date
Barry Crawford	Co-Opted Governor	28/09/2021
Anita Easton (Head Teacher)	Staff Governor	Ex officio
Helen Elliston	Local Authority Governor	29/03/2024
Claudia Gilbert (Chair)	Co-Opted Governor	23/03/2021
Lisa Hilborne	Co-Opted Governor	04/03/2024
Jo Mallows (Chair of Pay & Performance Committee)	Co-Opted Governor	27/09/2021
Victoria Pilkington-Fox	Parent Governor	19/03/2021
Holly Sandford	Staff Governor	05/11/2020
Helen Thomas	Co-Opted Governor	04/03/2024
Annmarie Wagstaff (Vice Chair)	Co-Opted Governor	13/03/2022
Craig Wright	Parent Governor	04/03/2024

Great Bradfords Infant and Nursery School Governors' Attendance Record for 2019-2020

Governor	Full Governing Body	Pay & Performance
Barry Crawford	86%	n/a
Anita Easton	100%	n/a
Helen Elliston	50%	n/a
Claudia Gilbert	100%	100%
Lisa Hilborne	100%	n/a
Jo Mallows	100%	100%
Victoria Pilkington-Fox	100%	n/a
Holly Sandford	100%	n/a
Helen Thomas	100%	n/a
Annmarie Wagstaff	100%	100%
Craig Wright	86%	n/a