

**Annual Governance Statement
for the Governing Body of
Yardley Primary School
September 2016**

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of Yardley Primary School Governing Board are:

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

Governance arrangements	<p>The Governing Board of Yardley Primary School consists of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 co-opted governors • 1 governor appointed by the Local Authority • 2 elected parent governors • 1 head teacher governor • 1 elected staff governor <p>This constitution is laid down in the Instrument of Government for Yardley Primary School which came into effect on 16th July 2015 when the Governing Body was re-constituted under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) regulations 2012.</p> <p>A list of Governors and their roles can be found on the school website.</p>
Attendance record of governors	<p>Governors have good attendance at all meetings. A list of attendance at meetings can be found on the school website. Meetings have to be attended by a minimum number of Governors, as laid out in the terms of reference for each committee, to ensure that our decisions are legally binding.</p>
The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body	<p>Yardley Primary School has two committees, these are as follows:</p> <p>Finance Committee: The key responsibilities of the Finance Committee are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare and approve the School's annual budget whilst monitoring the income and expenditure throughout the year to ensure that this budget is adhered to; 2. Ensure that the School site and facilities are suitably maintained and developed. <p>In the summer term, the final carry forward position from FY15/16 was agreed and the budget for the FY16/17 was reviewed and signed off. Additionally, the ongoing works to improve the school</p>

	<p>environment were discussed including the timescale for these works.</p> <p>The Curriculum Committee: The key responsibilities of this committee are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To participate in the strategic leadership of the school; 2. To ensure that strategies to improve the areas of responsibility of the committee or to address any issues are detailed in the School Development Plan (SDP); 3. To monitor the relevant areas of the SDP; 4. Review policies & procedures. <p>During the past year the committee have monitored progress of children. The SDP has been monitored also with the review of a number of policies and procedures in place in school.</p>
<p>How you can contact the governing body</p>	<p>We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact our Chair of Governors, via the school office. A full list of governors and more information about the school can be found on the school website</p>