



# South View Community Primary School

## Statement of Governance 2024/25

The Department for Education defines the role of the Governing Body as follows: *to provide confident, strategic leadership and to create robust accountability, oversight, and assurance for educational and financial performance.* In effect this means that the Governing Body has three key functions:

- 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 organisation and making sure its money is well spent

Governors are expected to:

- work as a member of the Governing Body for the best interests of the school
- attend the regular meetings of the Governing Body (5 times each year)
- serve on one committee and attend these meetings (3-4 times a year)
- become familiar with general education issues and developments
- promote the school within the local community
- be able to commit time to the duties and responsibilities of a Governor
- visit school to take part in focus visits and meet their link staff
- write up their visits to school and present to other governors
- understand the school's key priorities and be aware of areas for development
- take part in governor training which may be online or face to face
- respect confidentiality and the need to act with circumspection.

Effective governance will include these core features:

- Commitment to ongoing development and to getting to know the school well, including effective induction
- Commitment to playing an active part whilst working as part of a team
- Ability to provide robust challenge and hold school leaders to account whilst listening to and respecting the views of others
- Focus on a strategic role rather than involvement in operational matters

Elements of our vision for the school include:

“Raising aspirations, creating opportunities, celebrating success. We will provide every child with a first-rate education, so that they can develop into confident young people with a sense of self-worth - who believe they can make a difference in the world.

As Governors we aim to:

- Improve the school's year on year progress and attainment levels
- Develop the Governing Body to provide more challenge, rigour, and strategic support to the school, and
- Develop a more visible and transparent style of governorship within the school community in order to ensure that parents and pupils are being heard and involved.”

### Governance Arrangements

The Governing Body is made up of thirteen members. Seven members are appointed by the Governing Body based on their skills. One is appointed by Lincolnshire County Council. Three are elected by parents, and two (including the Head Teacher) are staff members. There are currently two vacancies for coopted governors.

The Full Governing Body has five scheduled meetings each year. We also have four committees which meet throughout the year to consider various aspects of the school in detail. The four committees are currently Curriculum/Standards, Finance, Personnel and Premises.

At the start of the academic year 2024/5, Mr. Weston was elected Chair of Governors, with Mr. Quinnell elected Vice Chair. Mrs. Sumner was elected Chair of the Curriculum/Standards Committee, Mr. Quinnell was elected Chair of Finance, Mr. Roger was elected Chair of Personnel, and Mr. Strickland was elected Chair of Premises.

During the year Mrs. Mitcham was welcomed to the governing body as a staff governor, and Mr. Roger was reappointed as a coopted governor when his term as a parent governor came to an end. Mrs. Jennings, Ms. Mooney and Ms. Igoe were appointed as parent governors after vacancies advertised among the school community. Mr. Pattenden's term of office as a coopted governor ended, Ms. Vidler retired as a coopted governor and Ms. Mooney retired as a parent governor. Mr. Pattenden, Ms. Vidler, and Ms. Mooney were thanked for their service to the governing body and school.

The school was last given a full two-day inspection by HM Inspectors in November 2023 under section 5 of the 2005 Education Act. The Chair of Governors and Chair of the Finance committee met with the lead inspector and additional governors were presented during the feedback session. The school was rated as good across all areas of the inspection. Excerpts from the report include:

"Pupils, staff, governors and parents and carers work as one to make this school such a lovely place to work and to learn. Pupils feel safe and valued in this warm, nurturing environment. It truly is a place where 'children are at the heart of everything.'

Being respectful is one of the school's 'HEART' values. Pupils demonstrate this quality in lessons and on the playground. They understand why respecting others is important. Pupils have a strong sense of fairness and what is right and wrong. ...

Pupils are proud of their school and where they live. Pupils love their school meals. They describe them as healthy and delicious. The Year 6 pupils who serve at the salad bar are always busy. ...

The school is well led. The school has identified the right next steps for further development. Governors check closely on all aspects of the school's work. They provide effective support and challenge. Staff and parents are unanimous in their praise for South View. Everyone is pulling in the same direction at this happy, vibrant school."

Governing Body meetings and Committee meetings are conducted using a blended approach, meeting in school where possible. The Chair of Governors and Head Teacher continue to hold regular meetings. Governor focus visits and subject visits have taken place,

and these are detailed in the minutes of meetings.

## Governor Attendance Record and Terms of Office

Name	Appointed by	End of current term	Committee membership	Attendance at meetings
Paul Weston Chair of Governors	Governing Body	February 2026	Curriculum/Standards Finance Personnel	93%
Paul Quinnell Vice Chair of Governors Chair of Finance	Governing Body	August 2027	Curriculum/Standards Finance	100%
Nick Roger Chair of Personnel	Governing Body	November 2028	Curriculum/Standards	100%
Steve Strickland Premises Governor Chair of Premises	Local Authority	September 2026	Finance Premises	80%
Judith Sumner Chair of Curriculum/Standards	Governing Body	August 2027	Curriculum/Standards Personnel Premises	100%
Hannah Igoe	Parents	March 2029	To be confirmed	67%
Helen Jennings	Parents	November 2028	Curriculum/Standards	86%
Katie Meisel	Parents	May 2027	Curriculum/Standards	90%

Corrine Mitcham	Staff	October 2028	Premises	100%
Laura Mooney	Parents	Retired December 2024		100%
Martin Pattenden	Governing Body	Retired November 2024	Finance Personnel	–
Joanne Tomlins Head Teacher	Ex Officio		Curriculum/Standards Finance Personnel Premises	100%
Sam Turner	Governing Body	June 2027	Finance Personnel	91%
Rachel Vidler	Governing Body	Retired June 2025	Curriculum/Standards	38%
Gary Peatling Clerk to Governors	Governing Body		Curriculum/Standards Finance Personnel Premises	100%