

The Governing Body of Hasland Junior School

Annual Statement 2015/16

In accordance with the Government's requirements for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of Hasland Junior School Governing Body are:

Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

Governors are responsible for setting school priorities in line with school improvement and to regularly monitor the progress of identified goals as part of our strategic role. At Hasland Junior School every child matters and Governors and staff are committed to ensuring that we provide the best opportunities for our children in a safe, caring, stimulating and happy environment.

Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.

Governors attend meetings to regularly monitor assessment data and use this opportunity to ask challenging questions regarding attainment and progress, including different groups of children. Main subjects also have a link governor who regularly meet with teachers.

Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The Governing Body approve the budget each year and have a resource committee who oversee financial matters arising.

The Governing Body

We are extremely proud of Hasland Junior School and support the school in as many ways as we can. A highlighted achievement in 2015/16 were the Year 6 SATS results. This was the first time the pupils were to take the tests based on the new national curriculum and we were so pleased how well the children performed. This was down to a big team effort; the children working extremely hard; the staff with outstanding teaching and enthusiasm; senior leaders and headteacher with their drive and determination; and the Governors' support and challenge through many recent changes.

Each year the governing body considers many aspects of governance and our work is detailed below.

1) The Governing Body **supports** and challenges the school by:

- Attending meetings
- Asking challenging questions
- Link governors monitoring the School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Supporting school events
- Attending SIP meetings / SLT meetings regularly
- CPD- ongoing training including e-safety, safeguarding, assessment, rainbow grammar etc.
- Regular visits into school
- Parents' evening attendance

2) **Safeguarding**- The link governor meets regularly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead and has ongoing training.
Health and Safety inspections are carried out termly.

3) **Assessment**- The link governor has attended moderation and meets with the assessment lead to observe lessons and review data.

- 4) **Staffing** – The Headteacher, Chair and Vice Chair of Governors are all safer recruitment trained in addition to some other members of the governing body. Governors ensure that the highest quality of applicants are appointed to post.

- 5) **Pupil Premium-** Governors ensure that funding is allocated effectively. The school has a dedicated pupil premium teacher and teaching assistants are present in every class during key subjects such as Maths and English. Results show that Disadvantaged pupils did better last year and our results are amongst the best nationally. A link governor has visited classrooms and seen the provision being used effectively. Disadvantaged children are also offered a free after school club.

- 6) **Sports Funding-** Governors have been involved in guiding where the money should be spent, including entering sporting competitions where our school have performed well. The link governor liaises with PE co-ordinator. All children have access to after school clubs.

- 7) **School Budget-** This is discussed on a regular basis and the budget is allocated to provide the best possible provision for the benefit of the children. The **Resources Committee** discuss school finance including premises, school environment improvement, staffing, funding, equipment, software etc.

- 8) **Curriculum Committee-** Subjects are discussed, detail is requested from subject leaders via link governors. Data is analysed and discussed.

9) **Policies** – are regularly reviewed and amendments made where necessary.

Governors really enjoy spending time with the pupils and every half term Governor awards are given to children for outstanding effort, achievement or for being helpful and kind to others. We love attending the Governor assemblies and to witness how happy the children are at school. It is also a pleasure to see how proud they are when their peers win an award.