

Saxilby Church of England Primary School



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Governor Newsletter December 2015

Welcome to the first of our newsletters. We hope that these newsletters will provide you with regular updates on our work and explain how we help our school to enable each and every pupil to thrive.

The first term of the new academic year has brought a new look governing body. As with all governing bodies, we were encouraged by the Government to become smaller and asked to take on a new constitution. Having looked at legal requirements and taken advice from the Diocesan Board, we agreed upon 12 governors.

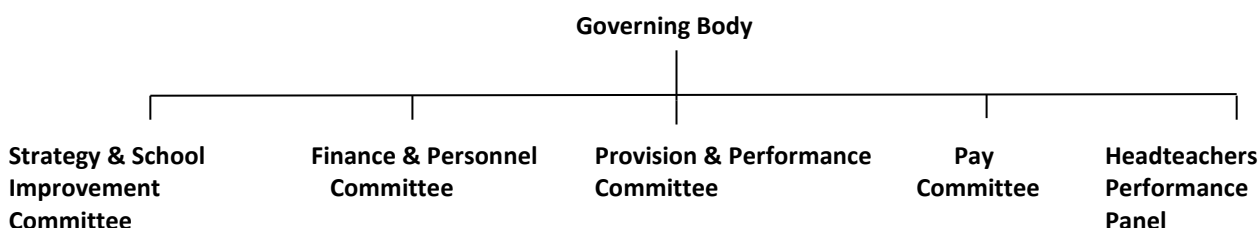
Category	Governor			
Headteacher (1)	Catherine Stratton			
Co-opted (4)	Rosemary Lee	Jo Ray	Mike Bull	Vacancy
Staff (1)	Sarah Allen			
Parent (2)	Chris Webster	Scott Ward		
Foundation (3) (Church of England)	Penny Davies	David Warner	Rev. Joan Vickers	
Local Authority (1)	Caroline Clarke			

Role of the Governing Body

We also decided to use this opportunity to take a good look at the operation of the governing body, to make more fundamental changes so we would ensure that we have a greater impact on the success of our school. The three main responsibilities for the governing body are

1. To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
2. To hold the headteacher to account for the education performance of the school and its pupils and the performance management of staff.
3. To oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

We therefore changed our governance structure to reflect these key roles.



Looking to the Future

New Focus – the creation of the Strategy and School Improvement Committee places greater emphasis on the strategic nature of our work and ensures that we monitor school improvement more closely.

New Membership – there is greater emphasis on ensuring the necessary skills, knowledge and expertise within the new membership. We have introduced the new role of associate members whereby individuals with specialist skills and knowledge can help our work.

Effectiveness – The new committee membership ensures the correct allocation of skills and effective co-ordination across committees. Also, by linking the monitoring role of governors more closely to the work of the committees it provides better focus for those visits.

Impact – There is a clear focus on governors evaluating the real impact of their decisions and actions; to ensure that they are driving forward the continual improvement and success of our school.

On behalf of the Governing Body I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Penny Davies, Chair of Governors