

# Hemingbrough Primary School

## Annual School Governors Report 2020/2021



### Governors

Names and Roles

**Laura Ward** –  
Chair, Co-Opted Governor

**Chris Bateman** –  
Vice-Chair, Local Authority  
Governor

**Nick Wilkinson** –  
Co-Opted Governor

**Alison Harrison** –  
Parent Governor

**Joelene Grassby**  
(Whiteman) –  
Parent Governor

**Sarah Read** –  
Staff Governor

**Sarah Chappell** –  
Headteacher

Staff Attendees:  
**Ruth Hayes**

### The Role of the Governing Body

As defined by the Department for Education (DfE) in The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013, the core functions of the governing body include:

- ✚ Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- ✚ Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- ✚ Ensuring the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources.

In exercising their functions the governing body shall

- ✚ Act with integrity, objectivity and honesty and in the best interests of the school; and
- ✚ Be open about the decisions they make and the actions they take and in particular shall be prepared to explain their decisions and actions to interested parties.

**Our governing body has a code of conduct which is reviewed and agreed annually. All governors and associate members are obliged to abide by this code.**

### The Governors

This year has continued to be a challenge for everyone working in education and many changes have continued to be made. Again, there have been a number of changes to the governing body. Chris Bateman, the Vice-chair of Governors has stepped down from his role as Governor and we would like to thank him for his contributions and commitment during his time as a Governor with us.

We are pleased to inform you that , Nick Wilkinson has been voted in to take over the role of Vice-Chair for the next academic year. In addition, Joelene Grassby has joined the Governing Body and has been voted in as a Parent Governor. We are also looking for new members to join what is a very important role, so if you have any interest in becoming involved in the running of the school please contact Mrs Chappell.

### Full Governing Body meetings

The Governors have continued to meet virtually throughout the last academic year. This decision was taken to ensure the safety of students and staff, even though some Covid restrictions were lifted.

	5/10/2020	30/11/2020	22/3/2021	17/5/2021	12/7/2021
Sarah Chappell	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Laura Ward	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chris Bateman	✓	✓	✓	Resigned	n/a
Nick Wilkinson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sian Chapman	✓	Resigned	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sarah Read	✓		✓	✓	✓
Alison Harrison	No apols	✓	✓	✓	✓
Joelene Grassby (Whiteman)	Pre Election	✓	✓	Apols received	✓

## FGB Continued...

The FGB have continued to work towards providing effective monitoring, support and challenge for the school with school leaders and external professionals.

Link governors have been established and links have been made virtually with relevant subject leaders. Reports from these visits have clearly identified strengths and areas for development moving forward in conjunction with the school improvement plan.

In order to support continual professional development, the governing body have completed the following training this last year:-

Acronym Training – Head & Chair

Challenging Questions to ask subject leaders – Chair

Roles & Responsibilities – SIA

SEND Governor Responsibilities – NW

## The Resources Committee

The Resources Committees function is to ensure sound management of the school's financial situation by monitoring and evaluating the School's financial performance. Meetings are held, at least termly. The sub-committee seeks to ensure value for money, good practice and compliance with policies are all achieved within the school, and regularly questions and challenges the Senior Leadership team and School Business Manager during meetings.

	11/1/2021	1/3/2021	12/7/2021
Sarah Chappell	✓	✓	✓
Laura Ward	✓	✓	✓
Chris Bateman	✓	✓	Resigned
Sarah Read	✓	✓	✓
Nick Wilkinson	Not on committee	Not on committee	✓
Alison Harrison	Not on committee	Not on committee	✓

## The SIC Committee

The school improvement committee work with school leaders to provide support and challenge by:-

- monitoring and evaluating rates of progress and standards of achievement by pupils, including any underachieving groups
- ensuring that the curriculum is balanced, broadly based, meets the needs of all pupils and complies with statutory requirements
- setting priorities for improvement and monitoring and evaluating the impact of improvement plans which relate to the committee's area of operation
- developing and reviewing policies relevant to this sub-committee as identified within the school's policy review programme and in accordance with its delegated powers

	8/2/2021	12/7/2021
Sarah Chappell	✓	✓
Laura Ward	✓	✓
Chris Bateman	✓	Resigned
Sarah Read	✓	✓
Nick Wilkinson	✓	✓
Alison Harrison	✓	✓
Joelene Grassby	✓	Apols received