

# Hemingbrough Primary School

## Annual School Governors Report 2019/2020

### Governors

**Ben Bowers** –  
Chair, Parent Governor  
4/5 meetings attended

**Laura Ward** –  
Vice-Chair, Parent Governor  
5/5 meetings attended

**Nick Wilkinson** –  
Co-Opted Governor  
4/5 meetings attended

**Sian Chapman** –  
Parent Governor  
4/5 meetings attended

**Chris Bateman** –  
Local Authority Governor  
5/5 meetings attended

**Alison Harrison** –  
Parent Governor  
3/5 meetings attended

**Sarah Read** –  
Staff Governor  
5/5 meetings attended

**Sarah Chappell** –  
Headteacher  
5/5 meetings attended

Staff Attendees:  
**Ruth Hayes**

As Governors we work to support the Headteacher, Mrs Chappell, to put plans and policies and procedures in place to ensure all children make good progress within a broad and fun curriculum helping them become fulfilled, happy and engaging people.

### Our Vision, Values and Aims

Our Vision and Values give focus not only to the Governing body meetings but also throughout day to day School life. We have found these principles to be a perfect fit for our School encompassing what we want to achieve for all the children both from an educational and personal point of view.

### School Governors

During a turbulent school year the Governing Body have had to adapt to running regular Board meetings through online solutions, and providing support to the amazing work that Mrs Chappell and the staff have done through such difficult times. The Governing Body hope all parents join them in thanking all school staff for the tireless work and personal sacrifices they have made to ensure the safety and well-being of the pupils.

The current Chair of the Governing Body, Ben Bowers, will be stepping down at the end of the school year, we are pleased to announce that Laura Ward will be taking over as Chair in the new school year. 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.

### What does the Governing Body do?

The School Governors have three main core functions:

- Setting the vision and strategic direction of the school
- Holding the headteacher to account for its educational performance
- Ensuring financial resources are well spent.

Governors meet at regular intervals through the year to assess School performance, ensure the School is running smoothly and to discuss any external factors that may affect the School – this has recently included discussion around Academies and the funding changes we are seeing nationally and how they will affect our School.

Each of our Governors also takes on a lead role for a specific subject or area of specialism, for example English, Science, Child Protection, SEND and Pupil Premium. In this capacity the Governor will arrange to visit classes and view teaching in their specialism area, talking to both staff and children. The Governor will then report back to the governing body on what they saw giving an insight into the teaching and experience the Children have of that subject. As a governing body this insight means we have hands on knowledge and a better view of what is happening when making decisions, ensuring they are done with the best interests of the School and pupils in the first instance.

### Fundraising

Unfortunately the FAN Club disbanded this year, but we would like to thank the Club for all the events they organised before this point, and also Mrs Chappell and the teachers who also organised a number of very successful events within the School. We thank you all for your support at these events, the funds raised really do improve the children's time at school in providing the additional resources that School funding cannot always cover. Please continue to get involved as we have seen the money raised spent on some amazing things this year including transport for School trips, new technology and outdoor equipment.