

## **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF MOBBERLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL 2018/9**

The Governing Body of Mobberley C of E Primary School consists of two Parent Governors, one Staff Governor, the Head Teacher, two Foundation\* Governors and four Co-opted Governors (Co-opted Governors are appointed by the Governing Body and are people who in its opinion have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school).

*\*Foundation Governors represent the historical link with the original establishment of the school and its distinctive religious ethos.*

The Governing Body has the following core strategic functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
2. Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.
4. Promote the highest standards for Safeguarding

The two Foundation Governors are Father Ian Blay, the Rector of St. Wilfrid's Church and Val Baker. Father Ian leads weekly collective worship in School as well as supporting classes in their religious studies. Nativity services take place in St. Wilfrid's as do beginning and end of term services. Our children love going to the Church. Christian values are intrinsic to the work of the School and are fully endorsed by the Governing Body.

Our two Parent Governors are Paul Tarne and Kate Rawlings-Brown who were elected in March 2018.

Karen Whalley is the Staff Governor and Jamie Macrae has represented the Local Authority but having now stood down from Cheshire East Council is continuing as a Co-opted Governor. Helen Mountney (Chair), Nicola Whiteley (Deputy Chair) and Alistair MacLeod continue to serve as Co-opted Governors.

The full Governing Body meets at least twice a term and the Buildings, Personnel, Finance and Curriculum sub-committees meet termly to consider different aspects of the school in detail. There are also committees that meet if required to consider pupil discipline and staffing matters.

In the community, pupils took part in the Rose Queen Festival and Civic Sunday. In particular the children were involved in the Poppy Service leading up to the marking of the Armistice centenary in November.

The School continues to be a popular first choice for parents. The intake for September 2019 was significantly oversubscribed

## **Work Done in 2018-9**

### **Buildings**

- Complete electrical wiring check as part of the relocation of consumer units to avoid risk of conflict with water ingress
- Repairs to gutter box above corridor to prevent rainwater leakage
- Replaced Y2 external door and improved locks to Y6/Y2 and toilet doors to improve lock-down capability
- Annual tree survey and resultant actions to minimise any risk from falling branches
- Continued progress towards a viable solution for our hall and Y6 classroom space both of which have been overtaken by the school's popularity and increased pupil admission numbers.
- Playing field levelling plan for Summer 2019 with PTA funding

### **Personnel**

The sub-committee monitors the performance management of all staff including the Head Teacher, ensuring that ambitious targets are met and set for the next academic year. It also supports the Head Teacher in the recruitment of staff. Members of the Governing Body have undergone training in Safer Recruitment and monitor the review and introduction of key policies.

### **Curriculum**

This sub-committee looks at all aspects of the curriculum within the school and receives updates on SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) from Clare Bentzien our SENco, Enrichment Days, Pupil Premium and how it is spent, and Teaching & Learning.

- Pioneering the year-long Goodness to Greatness embracing all areas of physical and mental health and wellbeing
- Whole school enrichment trip to Chester Zoo as part of the Global learning Initiative
- Reciprocal visit by the Headteacher and Director of Eurokids School in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- The School's leading role in the Young Leaders Initiative was recognised by an invitation to Mr Stenson and Mrs Kozyra to speak at the conference attended by Archbishop Sentamu

### **Finance**

Finance in education continues to be a key concern for governing bodies. It is routinely challenging to balance the competing claims for expenditure and while there will always be areas that any School would wish to spend more on the overall situation continues to be managed effectively and within budget.

The re-establishment of the after-school club has proved to be very successful with the additional staffing costs fully covered by fee revenue and very little disruption for parents following the closure of the privately run 'Mops' club at the end of 2017-8.

### **Future Plans**

In 2018-9 there will be a continued focus on the current building capacity constraints and the school will adapt to the new 2019 Ofsted framework which has changed focus from attainment to progress.