

# DE BOHUN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## GOVERNORS ANNUAL STATEMENT 2019/20

Governors are volunteers who work with the school to:

- Agree and champion the school's vision and strategy
- Help to ensure that children make excellent progress
- Help to ensure that the school's money is well spent

This annual statement describes how we have done this in the 2019/2020 academic year.

## HOW WE OPERATE

### MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE

Due to the Covid 19 situation the number of meetings was restricted with several of them taking place via Zoom video conferencing( see meetings list at the end of this document)

The **governing body** meets four times a year. The focus of these meetings is to set the school's strategic vision and to oversee the work of the two committees: the **Teaching and Learning Committee** and the **Resources Committee**.

The **Teaching and Learning Committee** meets four or five times a year. The role of this group is to make sure children make good progress with their learning.

The **Resources Committee** meets three times a year. They ensure the school's money is well spent.

The table below outlines governors' roles on these committees during the 2019/2020 academic year.

Name	Role(s)	Type of Governor
Lucy Peatfield	Chair of governing body, chair of teaching and learning, member of resources committee	Co-opted
Gordon Stubberfield	Vice-chair, member of teaching and learning and resources	Local Authority
Dominic Smart	Member of teaching and learning and resources	Headteacher
Zoe Ansell	Member of teaching and learning and resources	Associate Member
Sian Edwards	Member of teaching and learning committee	Staff
Chris Skillbeck	Chair of resources committee	Co-opted
Nicky Downes	Chair of resources committee	Co-opted
Zaina Higgins		Parent
Nikolin Lasku		Parent
Paul Davies	Member of teaching and learning and resources	Co-opted
Muir MacKean	Member of teaching and learning and resources	Co-opted
Alex Baird	Member of teaching and learning committee	Co-opted
Bhavesh Patel	Member of resources	Co-opted

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## IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT MEETINGS!

In meetings, we support and challenge the school leadership team, look at data, work together to set priorities for children's learning, and agree priorities for how the school should allocate its resources. This is in line with the Code of Conduct of the National Governance Association's three strategic functions. Establish strategic direction, ensure accountability; oversee financial performance.

Governors often visit the school to observe how points raised in meetings are being actioned in school for example:-.

- Governor emphasis on well-being across the school has helped to support the leadership team, all teachers and pupils. Our visits have observed that De Bohun is a happy environment.
- Working relationship with the School Council and Digital Leaders to communicate important issues affecting pupils, explained to parents and carers from their perspective.
- Strong focus on ease of parent and carer interaction with De Bohun, leading to the introduction of the School Zine app (SZapp) and plans to support the Parents and Teachers Association.

## WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED

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### GOVERNING BODY

Key achievements for the governing body in 2019/20 include:

- Approved a new model for monitoring School Improvement based on robust external feedback, helping to prepare thoroughly – and realistically – for future Ofsted inspections.
- The spring and summer terms were very challenging because of the Covid 19 lock down rules that meant the the school had to close but with the support of the Governors the school was able to reorganise how the building and its surroundings were used and the school was open to all children who needed to be in school by March 23rd
- Members of the governing body reviewed the new Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- A group of governors supported the school during the OFSTED inspection of 29-30<sup>th</sup> of January meeting with the inspector to discuss how the governing body challenged and supported the staff and school. The OFSTED inspector judged the school to be a **good school**

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### TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

Key achievements for the teaching and learning committee in 2019/20 include:

- Ongoing emphasis on E-Safety, working closely with ICT leader to raise awareness among parents, carers and pupils of age-appropriate computer games and mobile apps.
- Monitoring improvement measures to the teaching of maths with the subject leader, receiving regular feedback on increasing positive outcomes.
- Reviewing Child Protection Policy with specific attention paid to new Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance. New emphasis placed on digital safety.
- Governors received feedback from the Headteacher, Mr Smart, on how the quality of teaching is judged, which is based on practise over time and never one single observation.
- Monitoring how British Values are taught at De Bohun, during assemblies and WoW Weeks.

## RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Key achievements for the resources committee in 2019/20 include:

- Overseeing the management and tracking of funding for Pupil Premium and SEND children.
- Visiting the school to undertake regular Health and Safety walks, monitoring essential action.

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## Attendance

Y = Attended, N = Apologies Accepted, NA = Apologies not Accepted, NS = No Apologies sent

Governor	Governor Type	Full governing board	Resources	Full governing board	Teaching & Learning	Full governing board	Resources	Full governing board
		18Sep 2019	30 Oct 2019		13 Nov 2019	4 Dec 2019	15 Jan 2020	15 Jul 2019
Zoe Ansell	Associate Member	Y	N		Y	NA	N	N
Alex Baird	Co-Opted	Y	N		Y	NA		Y
Paul Davies	Parent	N	N		Y	NA	Y	Y
Nicky Downes	Co-Opted	N	Y		N	NA	Y	Y
Sian Edwards	Staff	Y	N			NA	N	Y
Muir MacKean	Co-Opted	N			N	NA	N	Y
Lucy Peatfield	Co-Opted	Y	Y		Y	NA	Y	Y
Chris Skilbeck	Associate	N	Y		N	NA	Y	N
Dominic Smart	Headteacher	Y	Y		Y	NA	Y	Y
Gordon Stubberfield	Authority	Y	N		Y	NA	Y	Y
Bhavesh Patel	Co-opted	Y	Y		Y	NA	Y	Y
Zaina Higgins	Parent	Y				NA	N	N
Nikolin Laska	Parent	N				NA	N	Y

### HOW TO CONTACT US

We hope this statement has been useful, and would welcome your comments or suggestions. Please speak to any one of us or email the Lead Governance Advisor [Sujal.Zaveri@Enfield.gov.uk](mailto:Sujal.Zaveri@Enfield.gov.uk)