



Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Nidderdale High School 2016

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of the Governing Body are:

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

Governance arrangements

The governing body of Nidderdale High School was reconstituted in October 2013 and is now made up of:

- 1 x LA governor
- 7 x Co-opted governors
- 2 x Parent governors
- 2 x Staff governors

Governing body procedures must comply with the School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013. While these regulations provide a basic framework the governing body has also set out Standing Orders to agree more detailed ways of working to ensure the board's business is conducted efficiently and our rules are applied consistently and fairly. These documents are available on our school website Governance tab.

Current membership:

- 1 x LA governor – Stan Lumley
- 7 x Co-opted Governors: Susan Reid (Chair), Clare Gardner (Vice Chair), Janet Holt, Isabel Peel, Paul Howard, 2 vacancies
- 2 x Parent Governors: Angela Hosie, Patricia Martin
- 2 x Staff governors: Nathan Bulley, Anne Wilson

Co-opted governors are appointed by the Board. Parent governors are appointed through parental elections. The staff governor is appointed through staff election. There are currently no associate members on the Governing Body.

All governors attend all meetings, there are no sub-committees other than the statutory Committees (Discipline, Complaints and Pay Review). Governors are appointed to these committees when the need arises.

Attendance Record of Governors 2015 – 16

The schedule of meetings is available on the school website. A record of attendance is kept by the Clerk and details of attendance are shown below.

Meetings must be 'quorate' to ensure that decisions can be made. The quorum for a meeting of the governing body is one half - rounded up - of the membership of the governing body excluding vacancies.

Name of Governor	Number of meetings attended (reason for non attendance)		Dates of meetings 2015/16
Clare Gardner	7/8 (work x 1)	88%	
Janet Holt	8/8	100%	22.9.15
Angela Hosie	8/8	100%	2.11.15
Paul Howard	5/8 (work abroad x 3)	63%	23.11.15
Stan Lumley	6/8 (council meetings x 2)	75%	8.2.16
Isabel Peel	8/8	100%	14.3.16
Susan Reid	7/8 (1 x holiday abroad)	88%	16.5.16
Anne Wilson	7/8 (1 x ill)	88%	6.6.16
Headteacher	8/8	100%	27.6.16

Link governors

We have named lead governors in the following areas:

Attendance – S Lumley
 Data Protection – C Gardner
 Health and Safety, Careers, Community and Premises – A Hosie
 Safeguarding/Child Protection/Looked After Children, Personnel – I Peel
 SEND/ Pupil Premium– P Martin

How to contact the governing body:

Should you wish to contact the Governing Body please address your letter to the School Governors at the school's address: Nidderdale High School, Low Wath Road, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate, HG3 5HL

The work we have done in governing body meetings:

(a) Examples of work on school improvement around attainment and progress:

- Student attainment and progress is monitored regularly through a range of data/reports.
- Enhanced data dashboard is scrutinised by the governing body on a termly basis.
- In-year student progress is monitored as well as formal qualification analysis.
- Analysis of GCSE results to evaluate performance and any areas for development.
- Monitoring of whole school attendance and target groups (against school/national targets).
- Robust Monitoring and Quality Assurance Cycle produced on an annual basis and monitored rigorously by the governing body.
- Involved in annual Peer Review and assess progress against all recommendations in the report.

(b) Financial management:

- Constant review of school budget.
- Setting of start budget and monitoring on a half termly basis.
- A corporate approach to the presentation of financial information requested including a reconciliation of figures to ensure like for like comparisons.

(c) Policy review:

Adhered to a policy review schedule and informed staff of reviews/adoptions and uploaded to Governance page of website for all staff/parents/stakeholders to peruse.

(d) Strategic planning for the future:

- Continuous review against SDP priorities as a Governing Body and together with Leadership Team and Lead Adviser.
- Continuing membership of Red Kite Alliance to underpin Leadership and Continuing Professional Development.
- Attendance at national and local governor forums / training / information network meetings.

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