

**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Moss Hey Primary School
July 2016**

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of Moss Hey Primary School 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 Moss Hey Primary School was reconstituted in June 2015 and now comprises:

- 1 x headteacher
- 1 x staff governor
- 2x parent governors
- 1x LA governor
- 8 x co-opted governors

The Moss Hey Governing Body knows that a range of skills and expertise is needed to ensure that there is effective governance of the school. If there is a specific skills gap, when a vacancy arises, the Governing Body will do their utmost to ensure that the new governor matches the skill set required.

The governing body has a programme of meetings throughout the school year, and a committee structure that focuses on specific areas of governance

Attendance record of governors

A record is kept by the clerk to the governing body of governors' attendance at meetings. Minutes record Governors who were present, and those who were absent. Apologies are always noted.

Meetings need to be "quorate" to ensure that decisions can be made.

The work we have done on our committees and in the governing body meetings

- *Ensure that all governors know the safeguarding agenda and all of the issues that are current in education.*
- *Ensure that all adults working in school know that they play a part in safeguarding of our pupils, and hold all adults to account in this regard.*
- *Read and approve policies; statutory and good practice policies*
- *Be involved in all appointments of teaching and non-teaching staff*
- *Ensure we have a clear understanding of past and current data and the implications that arise from this data analysis.*
- *Understand the specific needs of different cohorts.*
- *Develop a buildings and premises action plan*
- *Ensure that the school is run in a financially sustainable way*
- *Ensure we have an understanding of current changes in education*
- *Ensure that we have a full understanding of how our Pupil premium pupils are performing in relation to their own starting points and to their peers.*
- *Ensure that we have a clear understanding of the SEN changes to legislation, and to SEN provision at school.*
- *Ensure that we have a presence in school, both for parents, but also for teachers, support staff and pupils*
- *To ensure that the vision and direction of the school is clear and understood by all*
- *Carry out termly Health and safety audits*

- Monitor the impact of the Sports funding
- Monitor the effectiveness and relevance of the curriculum
- Review the 'Twenty Questions' on a termly basis
- Ensure there is a Governor Development plan
- Plan a timetable of visits to school
- Ensure training is up to date
- Attend the GOVAS conferences

Strategic Planning for the future

The Moss Hey Governing Body work closely to ensure that the priorities identified in the Self Evaluation Form are reflected in the School Development plan.

How to contact your governing body

Information about our governing body is available on the governors' page of the school website.

The Moss Hey Primary School Governing Body

Name of Governor	Category	Term of office
Andrew Fletcher	Parent	01.9.13 – 31.8.17
Nicola Mullen	Parent	24.9.15 – 23.9.19
Iain Coates	Co-Opted	29.6.15 – 28.6.19
Christopher Belsham	Co-Opted	11.7.16 – 10.7.20
Jenny Menzies- Gow	Co-Opted	29.6.15 – 28.6.19
Alex Gemmell	Co-Opted	29.6.15 – 28.6.19
Ruth Smith	Co-Opted	29.6.15 – 28.6.19
Julie Longbottom	Co-Opted	29.6.15 – 28.6.19
Owen Twiss	Co-Opted	11.7.16 – 10.7.20
Rhiannon Hale	Co-Opted	29.6.15 – 28.6.19
Tabitha Smith	Headteacher	Ex-officio position
Rachel Burke	Staff	01.09.13 – 31.08.17
Jeremy Meal	Local Authority	01.01.13 – 31.12.16

Chair: Mrs Ruth Smith

Vice chair: Mr Andrew Fletcher

The Moss Hey Primary School Governors' Attendance record for 2015-2016 (92%)

Please note: F&P= Finance & Premises committee, T&L = Teaching & Learning committee

Name of Governor	FGB	Committees
Ruth Smith	All	F&P, T&L
Andrew Fletcher	All	F&P, T&L

Iain Coates	All	F&P (Chair), T&L
Jenny Menzies- Gow	All	F&P, T&L (Chair)
Alex Gemmell	All	T&L (Vice Chair)
Rachel Burke	All	F&P
Jeremy Meal	All	F&P, T&L
Rhiannon Hale	All	T&L
Julie Longbottom	All	T&L