

Summerhill School Governing Board Annual Governance Statement 2016/2017

In accordance with the governance requirements for all Governing Boards, the three core strategic functions are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, values and strategic direction
- Holding the Executive Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the School and its pupils and for the permanence management of the staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the School and making sure its money is well spent.

Our Instrument of Governance is comprised of the following categories

2 Parents

1 Staff

1 Local Authority

10 Co-opted

1 Headteacher

We currently have vacancies for one staff and four co-opted Governors, which we are looking to fill during the new academic year. The skills we are looking for are legal, financial, human resources and commercial.

The full governing board meets at least once each term. Following the Ofsted report in November 2016 the Committee structure of the governing board was reviewed and now consists of two committees to consider difference aspects of the School in detail and five other committees to carry out statutory functions. These committees are:

- Resources
- School Improvement
- Pay
- Performance Management
- Pupil Discipline
- Staff Discipline
- Appeals

The work that has been completed by governors during the past year include:

- Review of the Ethos, Values and Strategic Direction of the School
- Recruitment of a new Executive Headteacher
- Review of how the governing board operates following the Ofsted Report of November 2016
- Approval of a significant restructure of school staffing
- Scheduled policies and procedures updated and reviewed
- Monitoring of School finances
- Tracking the implementation of new data systems

As we enter a new academic year, the governing board is very confident that the decisions made for significant improvements within the school will enable its staff and students to reach their full potential and very much looks forward to continuing working with the school and the community moving forward.

G Knowles
Chair of Governors