



## **DORMSTON SCHOOL**

### **Annual Governance Statement for the Dormston School Governing Body 2016/17**

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of our Governing Body are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, values and strategic direction;
  2. Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and for the performance management of staff;
  3. 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 parent governors;
- 1 staff governor;
- 1 associate governor;
- 7 co-opted governors;
- The Headteacher.

The Full Governing Body meets at least once each term, we also have 2 committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail and 2 committees to carry out statutory functions. These committees are:

- Curriculum Committee;
- Resources Committee;
- Pay Committee;
- Performance Management Committee.

The school were inspected by Ofsted in November 2016 and received a judgement of 'Good'. The inspection report noted that the work of the governing body was highly effective. The work

that we have completed in our committees during the past year in support of the school includes:

- Annual review of the work of the Governing body carried out;
- School budget monitoring;
- Pupil premium/sports fund monitoring;
- Health and Safety issues and building works monitored;
- Scheduled policies and procedures updated and reviewed;
- Staff allocation monitoring;
- Curriculum implementation and assessments monitored to ensure pupils develop their learning;
- Data analysed to ensure that pupils make good progress from their starting points;
- Attendance monitored and tracked;
- Parent events attended.

Our Governing Body Development Plan 2017-2018 hopes to achieve the following:

- Investigate the possibility of academy conversion and possibility of creating a sixth form;
- Work with the Headteacher and senior leaders to monitor progress against our 2016-2019 School Development Plan;
- Develop the skills and expertise of governors in line with the DfE Governance Handbook and Competency Framework for Governance.

### **How you can contact the Governing Body**

We welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas and are happy to provide more information if you are interested in finding out about becoming a governor. The Chair of Governors, George Craig, can be contacted via the School Office. Further information about governance is also available on the Governors page of the school website.