

Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Kea School Autumn 2022

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of the Governing Body of Kea School 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.

About Our School

The school is situated on the outskirts of Truro near the village of Playing Place. There are 204 pupils on roll and 7 classes. The 34 staff include the headteacher, teachers, teaching assistants, lunchtime supervisors and office staff and include part time and full-time posts. The school has a caring and supportive ethos and the academic and personal development of each child is the main priority. The school was graded as 'Good' at the last inspection in 2019.

Governing Body Constitution

The governing body is made up of two staff governors (including the headteacher), two elected parent governors, one local authority governor and four co-opted governors. There is one associate member. Co-opted governors are appointed by the governing body and are people who, in the opinion of the governing body, have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. On our governing body, the local authority governor is also a parent at the school, and the co-opted governors 4 are members of the local community.

Attendance

Governors' attendance at meetings is good. Both committee meetings and full governing body meetings are well attended. The meetings are currently being held remotely on teams. You will be able to see the full list of governors on the school website and in the governors' newsletters throughout the academic year.

Governing Body Structure

The full governing body meets twice each term, and we also have a Resources and Finance committee that meets once each term. The Resources and Finance committee is made up of five governors who oversee the budget, staff pay and appointments, and the running of the premises under the PFI contract. The headteacher sits on this committee. Full governing body meetings are minuted by our clerk and committee meetings are minuted by the school administrator. Minutes are available from the school office on request.

Effectiveness and Impact of The Governing Body

Kea offers a broad and rich curriculum and each governor has a specific subject responsibility within the school that sits within the school development plan. Governors consider the intentions of the curriculum, how it is implemented and the impact it has on the pupils. We monitor our "vulnerable groups" of children and have discussed how the Pupil Premium Grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has on their outcomes. Governors are responsible for overseeing the maintenance and development of the school premises, and make decisions about how the school should use the budget. There is a health and safety governor who carries out termly checks of the premises and supplies a written report to the governing body. Another important role for governors is ensuring the safety and well-being of the children and we have a nominated governor for

safeguarding who supports school leaders and monitors the impact of safeguarding policies and procedures.

Academic year 21/22

In what has been was another challenging year due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the role of the governors evolved. Governors continued to meet virtually initially and then in school. They carry out essential tasks such as assisting the headteacher with the Covid-19 risk assessment, reviewing policies, monitoring the budget and ensuring the continuing education of all pupils both in and out of school. The well-being of all pupils and staff was also a priority.

Governance Action Plan/Monitoring Key Objectives for 22/23

To be read in conjunction with the school development plan.

- All teaching to be at least 'good' with a high proportion of 'outstanding' teaching throughout the school.
- To ensure clear and consistently presented overviews for each subject ensuring full National Curriculum coverage.
- Continue to raise standards throughout the school, across all subjects, maximise progress for all children (particularly boys and more able children). To consider where catch up is required and ensure provision is in place to do so.
- Increased inclusion for all pupils. To enhance staff confidence in teaching topics with links to mental health. Ensure provision in place in all classes for personal, social and emotional (PSE) support following return to school after lockdown. Additionally, ensuring provision for pupils with SEND is reflected through the entire curriculum.
- Environmental awareness and climate changes crisis. Enabling the children to have a greater awareness of the crisis, their impact and how they can make changes. A governor has been assigned to this objective.

Governors continue monitor standards and policies are regularly updated. Observations and visits by governors will occur in line with the current Covid-19 guidance. There have been no significant health and safety incidents.

Contact Us

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents. You can contact the chair of governors, Peter White, via the school office.