



**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Castleton C of E
Primary School
April 1st 2020 – April 1st 2021**

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of Castleton C of E 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 Castleton C of E Primary School is made up of the following members:

2 Parents

1 Local Authority

1 Staff

1 Headteacher

2 Foundation

1 Co-opted (Community)

Governors work with the headteacher to drive the strategic development of the school and raise standards of achievement. Duties include setting the school's vision, aims and objectives, approving the school budget and appointing the headteacher.

Governors are there to provide oversight and accountability - they don't get involved in the day-to-day management of the school.

Legally, governing boards are corporate boards, so responsibility and the power to take action and make decisions lies with the board as a whole, not its individual members. Governors work as a team and make collective decisions.

Our governing body has an ethos of high expectations of everyone in the school community, including high expectations for behaviour, progress and attainment of all pupils, and for the conduct and professionalism of both staff and themselves.

Our Governing Body has programme of meetings throughout the school year, we meet a total of five times across the year, but additional meetings are required from time to time to discuss specific topics/issues that may arise.

Attendance record of governors

A record is kept by the clerk to the Governing Body of governors' attendance at meetings, details of attendance can be found on our school website:

www.castletonschool.co.uk

Meetings are ensured to be 'quorate' so that decisions can be made.

The work we have done on our in the Governing Body meetings

The work we do is captured in approved minutes of the Governing Body which are available on request from the school office.

The majority of our work is entrenched in monitoring:

- Pupil attainment and progress
- Additional Governor monitoring activities
- Financial management
- Policy review

Strategic Planning for the future

The Governing Body agrees and monitors with the direction of the headteacher, the strategic plan for school improvement. This is renewed on an annual basis and forms the improvement work of the school across the areas of:

- The quality of education
- Behaviour and attitudes
- Personal development
- Leadership and management

How to contact your Governing Body

Information about the School's Governing Body is available on the governors' page of the school's website

The Castleton C of E School Governing Body – membership

Governor	Category	Term of office expiry date
Jenny Ashton	Chair (Parent)	01.10.21
Lynn Marriott	Community/Co-opted	21.03.22
Nancy Lees	Headteacher	n/a
John Loveless	Foundation	30.04.24
Nell Doust	Staff	01.07.23
Linda Wilson	Foundation	06.12.24
Helen Webster	Vice-Chair (Parent)	04.03.23
Martin Fox	Local Authority	Stood down 21.09.20
Joanna Powis	Clerk	n/a

The Castleton C of E School Governors' Attendance record for June 1st 2020 – April 1st 2021

Governor	FGB meetings - % or x out of y attended	Committee meetings - % or x out of y attended
Jenny Ashton	5/6	n/a
Lynn Marriott	6/6	n/a
Nancy Lees	6/6	n/a
John Loveless	3/6	n/a
Nell Doust	6/6	n/a
Linda Wilson	4/6	n/a
Helen Webster	5/6	n/a
Martin Fox	3/3	n/a
Joanna Powis	6/6	n/a

