

The Governance Annual Statement

In January 2014 the Department for Education (DfE) published departmental advice in relation to the School Procedures regulations (2013). A number of additional recommendations, not mentioned in the Procedures regulations, were made in the advice document, including reference to the **publication of an annual governance statement**.

10. It is also good practice for the Board to publish an annual governance statement (as Academy Trusts are required to do through the Accounts Direction) to explain how it has fulfilled its responsibilities - particularly in relation to its core functions, including:

- *The governance arrangements that are in place, including the remit of any committees*
- *The attendance record of individual governors at board and committee meetings*
- *An assessment of the effectiveness and impact of the board and any committees with details of any particular challenges that have arisen*

Whilst accepting the publication of a governance statement is not mandatory, Derbyshire County Council strongly recommends that it is good practice and an effective way for governors to demonstrate that their accountability to parents, at least annually.

Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Kirk Langley Primary School To September 2024 to July 2025
As defined by the Maintained schools governance guide Maintained schools governance guide - Guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) the core functions of all governing boards, no matter what type of school or how many schools they govern, have three core functions: • Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; • Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff; and • Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent. In exercising their functions, the governing board shall:

- Act with integrity, objectivity, and honesty and in the best interests of the school; and
- Be open about the decisions they make and the actions they take and in particular shall be prepared to explain their decisions and actions to interested parties.

Governance arrangements

The Governing Body of Kirk Langley Primary School is made up as our Instrument of Governance.

The skills of the governing board are made up from both educational and financial backgrounds.

The Governing Body has 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, details of attendance can be found on page 4.

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

(If governors have been unable to attend meetings but have contributed to the work of the Governing Body you may wish to include these other contributions)

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

This is an opportunity to share publicly the work of the Governing Body on school improvement, particularly around

- Pupil attainment and progress
- Monitoring activities
- Financial management
- Policy review

Also a reminder that this work is captured in approved minutes of the Governing Body which are available on the school's website

Strategic Planning for the future

Make reference to specific governance activity against your planned priorities.

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 Kirk Langley C.E. Primary School Governing Body – membership

Governor	Category	Term of office & expiry date
Karin Baker	LEA	12.08.2027
Margaret Matthews	Foundation	30.09.2026
Nathan Stevens	Co-Opted	14.10.2024
Michael Heap	Foundation	07.11.2027
Sarbjit Cuthell	Parent	17.3.2028
Jayne Stevenson	Headteacher	
Timothy Beer	Co-Opted	05.12.2025
Rachal Haslam	Parent	05.12.2025
William Mayes	Teacher	30.01.2026

The Kirk Langley C.E. Primary School Governors' Attendance record for (dates from and to) (% or x out of y attended)

Governor	FGB meetings - % or x out of y attending	Committee meetings - % or x out of y attended
Karin Baker	2/4	1/2
Margaret Matthews	3/4	2/2
Nathan Stevens	3/3	2/2
Michael Heap	4/4	1/2
Sarbjit Cuthell	1/4	2/2
Jayne Stevenson	4/4	4/4
Timothy Beer	3/4	2/2
Rachal Haslam	2/4	1/2
William Mayes	4/4	2/2

