

**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of
Leadgate Primary School 2015**

School Vision/Mission Statement

OUR CORE VISION IS

'To provide high quality teaching and learning in a rich learning environment focused on individual needs to enable all children and staff to meet or exceed their potential and become confident lifelong learners'

At Leadgate Primary School:

- We are concerned about the 'whole' child
- We care about our children – Every child matters to us –we remove the barriers to learning whatever they may be
- We have high expectations for all our children and want them to be proud of what they achieve
- We support an ethos of work hard and play hard
- Our children are polite and well-mannered to visitors and we create a caring ethos
- We prepare our children to face the world of work. Confident, capable, flexible learners
- We promote enjoyment as well as education - Our children want to come to school and our children have an active voice!
- We involve the community in as much as we can and we see this as the future of the school - by working together we support the potential of all our pupils to succeed

The Governing Body of Leadgate Primary School has a strong focus on its three core strategic functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governance arrangements

The New Governing body of Leadgate Primary is lead by Councillor Watts Stelling as Chair, and Mr Neil Jackson as Vice Chair.

The Governing body is composed of 16 Governors in total and six committees :

	<p>Finance Committee: Miss L Allcroft Mr N D Jackson Mrs D Maskery Mr A Plant Councillor A Shield Mrs C Thompson Mr M Watson</p> <p>Personnel Committee Mrs K Cooper Mrs V L Cooper Mrs D Maskery Mr A Plant Mr T Richardson Mr M Watson Miss L Weaver</p> <p>Head teacher's Performance Review Committee Mrs D Maskery Councillor A Shield Councillor W Stelling Mr C Southern (<i>Observer only for committee</i>)</p> <p>First / Pay Review Committee Miss L Allcroft Mr N D Jackson Mr A Plant Mr T Richardson Mr C Southern</p> <p>Appeals Committee Mrs V L Cooper Mrs D Maskery Councillor A Shield Councillor W Stelling Mrs C Thompson</p> <p>Curriculum and Every Child Matters Committee Mrs K Cooper Mrs V L Cooper Mr N D Jackson Miss L Weaver Mrs D Wilson Mrs H Wilson</p>
<p>Key Issues faced and addressed by the Governing Body</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Amalgamation of Leadgate Community Juniors and Leadgate Infants and Nursery 2) The development and appointment of a new Governing Body

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3) The acquisition of the former Sure Start Children's Centre. 4) Development of onsite services including Parent support Advisor 5) Development of EYFS Provision and tracking standards 6) Staffing structure and reorganisation / realignment 7) Update and extend Governor knowledge, information and understanding of Data, finances and key issues across all 3 Key Stages.
<p>Assessment of Impact</p>	<p>Secured Governors comprehensive understanding of new primary school Data, Achievement and progress and Pupil Premium / Sports Premium impact through effective Committee Meetings and structure alongside the effective deployment of appropriately skilled governors following a Governor skills audit to ensure an effective education for all and to fulfil the aspiration of all pupils at all levels.</p>
<p>Future plans for the Governing Body</p>	<p>Governors will be looking at the ongoing changes and impact of SEN, Curriculum and Assessment. Further development of Governing Body and achievement of Governor Mark. Developing strategies for the effective removal of barriers' to learning and attendance. Building upon high levels of Parental engagement. Use of external agencies to continue the progress and development of the whole school towards the aspiration of achieving outstanding school status.</p>
<p>Contact Details</p>	<p>The Governing Body welcomes suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents/carers. Please contact the Chair of Governors c/o the school office.</p> <p>Details of the full Governing Body are on the school website.</p>