



Bentley St Paul's C of E Primary School



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Governors' Newsletter

Dear Parents

Greetings everyone, I would particularly like to extend a warm welcome to parents/carers with children that have joined our Reception year. I hope that the children enjoyed the start of the autumn term and a well-deserved half term break.

This term's newsletter focuses particularly on the role of the Governing Body at Bentley St Paul's school.

The role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body has three core strategic functions:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the performance management of staff
- Oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent

The full Governing Body meets three times a year. This is to discuss such matters as the School Improvement Plan, policies, external assessments and school performance. Governors also sit on committees, that meet also at least once a term. These are:

- Pupil Outcomes Committee
- Finance and Resources Committee

Governors visit the school. Each governor has a subject responsibility and ensures focus on the delivery of the School Improvement Plan. These visits enable governors to have an in depth knowledge of the school.

Governors operate within a Code of Conduct. It covers the basis principles of governance, and includes guidelines on commitment, working relationships, confidentiality, conduct, meetings, training and visiting the school.

Governors are accountable to parents and the wider community for the quality of education provided.

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Who is the Governing Body?

Our Governing Body is made up of people drawn from different parts of the community – parents and staff, representatives from the Bentley St Paul’s church and the Local Authority. This helps to ensure that the Governing Body has a wide range of skills and experience.

Our Governing Body consists of the following:

Phil Russell Chair of Governors	Chair of Governing Body Chair of Finance & Resources Committee
Rowena Bere-Brown Vice Chair of Governors Foundation (Church) Governor	Chair of Pupil Outcomes Committee Vice Chair of Governing Body Member of Finance & Resources Committee Curriculum lead: Early Years Foundation Stage, Safeguarding & Training
Louise Putt Headteacher Staff Governor	Member of Governing Body Member of Pupil Outcomes Committee Member of Finance & Resources Committee
Richard Latham Foundation (Church) Governor	Member of Governing Body Member of Pupil Outcomes Committee Member of Finance & Resources Committee Curriculum lead: Literacy
Karen Holland Parent Governor	Member of Governing Body Member of Pupil Outcomes Committee Curriculum lead: Maths
Tracey Dawson Local Authority Governor	Member of Governing Body Vice Chair of Finance & Resources Committee Member of Pupil Outcomes Committee Curriculum lead:
Norman Snow Foundation (Church) Governor	Member of Governing Body Member of Finance & Resources Committee Curriculum lead: Health & Safety and Premises
Rev. Mark James Foundation Governor	Member of Governing Body Member of Pupil Outcomes Committee Curriculum lead: Worship
Mrs A Dunning Staff Governor	Member of Governing Body Member of Pupil Outcomes Committee
Emma Stewart Foundation (Church) Governor	Member of Governing Body Member of Pupil Outcomes Committee Member of Finance & Resources Committee Curriculum lead: Special Education Needs
Claire Holdgate Church Governor	Member of Governing Body Member of Pupil Outcomes Committee Curriculum lead: Religious Education
Rochelle Mathieson Parent Governor	Member of Governing Body Member of Finance & Resources Committee Curriculum lead: Science
Nikki Larkin Staff Governor	Member of Governing Body Member of Finance & Resources Committee Member of Pupil Outcomes Committee
Nikki Woodward Co-opted Governor	Member of Governing Body Member of Pupil Outcomes Committee Curriculum lead: Early Years Foundation Stage

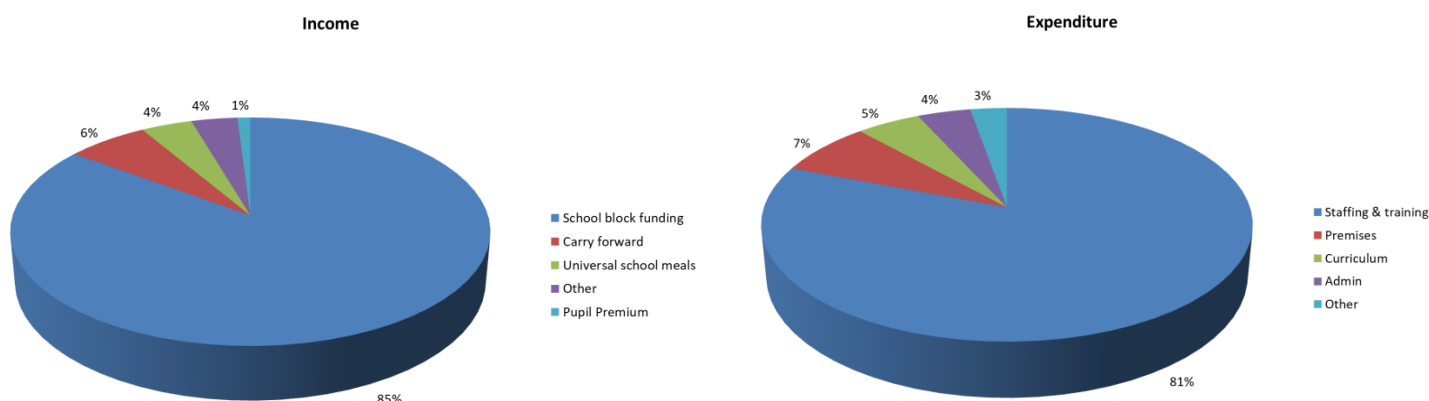
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What was discussed at the Governing Body and Committee's?

The following items were some of the key discussions at last term's meetings:

- External report received from Keith Pullen. "The school continues to provide a good education for pupils and there is increasing evidence of aspects of the school's work that are outstanding". The focus of improvement for the autumn term is in reducing the variation in expectations for presentation and handwriting in books.
- Annual report on Safeguarding provided assurance that the school is compliant with the requirements and that arrangements are in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. All staff, governors and volunteers received an appropriate level of training. Relevant policies including the Child Protection Policy have been reviewed and updated.
- Outstanding SATs results. EYFS 78.7% achieving a good level of development, and 86.7% of Year 1 achieving expected standard in phonics. **KS1** 90% of pupils achieving expected standard in reading & maths and 86.7% in writing. **KS2** 93.3% of pupils achieving expected standard in reading, 80% in maths and 86.6% in writing.
- The following policies were ratified and are now available on the school's website; Parental Complaints Policy and E-safety and Use of Internet Policy.

The financial budget for 17/18 was approved. The school will spend 81% on staffing & training. In these challenging funding times, we continue to ensure that we spend wisely and get the best value for money.



Contact us

Parents/carers and staff are welcome to contact a governor directly to discuss a matter informally. Governors can often be found at the school at the end of the school day. We welcome your feedback. You can also provide feedback electronically on the school website:

[http://www.bentleystpauls.co.uk/contact_governors.php?which_page=the school governors&email_address=governors@bentley-st-pauls.essex.sch.uk](http://www.bentleystpauls.co.uk/contact_governors.php?which_page=the_school_governors&email_address=governors@bentley-st-pauls.essex.sch.uk)

If you wish to write formally to the Governing Body, you can either use the form on the website or hand a letter to the school office, addressed to the Chair.

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