



BREERTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND (A)
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Annual Governance Statement

September 2019

2018-19

Since joining the Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT) in March 2018, the school's Local Governing Body has become a sub group of the CDAT board. This board delegates some of its functions to our Local Governing Body. In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of Brereton C of E Primary School's Local 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.**

The school aims to serve its community by providing high quality education within the context of Christian beliefs and practice. Through the experience it offers all of its pupils, it promotes the significance of faith and Christian values.

As part of CDAT, the school will continue to preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England at both Parish and Diocesan levels.

Following the school's Ofsted inspection in December 2017, governance was judged as good, stating governors are skilled, knowledgeable and well informed about the work of the school.

'Governors are well informed because of their effective monitoring of the school's work.' Ofsted, December 2017.

Governance arrangements	<p>The Governing Body of Brereton CofE Primary School was re-constituted in March 2018, upon joining CDAT.</p> <p>It is made up of 2 staff governors (including the Headteacher); 2 elected Parent Governors and 9 Foundation Governors</p>
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	<p>(including the Reverend).</p> <p>Associate governors are also appointed by the Local Governing Body from time to time. These 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 Local Governing Body we currently have two Associate members both of whom are members of staff.</p> <p>The Local Governing Body meets once every half term, i.e. six times per year. We also have committees that meet as and when required to consider pupil discipline and staffing matters.</p> <p>During our regular Local Governing Body meetings we consider different aspects of the school in detail to ensure we address our three core strategic functions, including pupil's performance, finance and personnel matters and Safeguarding.</p> <p><i>'Governors work systematically through their committees and named governors. Information is filtered through to the full governing body. As a result, governors are sufficiently informed to ask challenging questions and hold leaders to account.'</i> Ofsted, December 2017.</p> <p>Please see page 6 for a list of Governors including their roles and dates of office.</p>
<p>Attendance record of governors</p>	<p>Governor's attendance at meetings is good and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not "quorate" (the number of</p>

	<p>governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made).</p> <p>Please see page 5 for details of individual governors' attendance at meetings.</p>
<p>The work that we have done as the Local Governing Body</p>	<p>The Local Governing Body (LGB) has had a busy year supporting the school's new Headteacher.</p> <p>Governors have spent considerable time reviewing data on pupil's attainment and progress to ensure the school continues to provide quality teaching, learning and assessment and further improve pupil outcomes, especially in writing and Early Years Foundation Stage. Positive improvements have been made which are reflected in the school's latest results.</p> <p>We have also focused on our 'vulnerable groups' of children, receiving updates on SEND provision and how the Pupil Premium Grant is being spent by the school and monitoring what impact this has had on pupil outcomes.</p> <p><i>'Governors oversee the judicious use of pupil premium funding towards additional teaching.'</i> Ofsted, December 2017.</p> <p>Throughout the year, governors have considered H&S audit reports and been updated on the progress of the school's Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) bids. Mr Robin Astles as our Health and Safety Governor carries out regular checks of the premises with Mr Spilsbury, the school's Site Manager and reports back</p>

to governors each term.

The LGB continually reviews the strategic direction of the school and makes decisions about how the school should spend the budget.

This year, we have supported the introduction of a new school motto which reflects its Christian values: Love God, love learning, love one another. The motto is also supported by the seven new core values the school has adopted: serving; responsible; respectful; friendly; believing; compassionate; courageous and aspiring.

Governors have regularly reviewed the budget closely through the past year whilst monitoring plans and provision for future growth in pupil numbers. We are pleased to report that the school finances, like most other schools are challenged but remain healthy and pupil numbers across all year groups are increasing.

'Governors make good use of additional revenue, including that for SEN, pupil premium funding and PE and sports funding. They know that these funds have been used wisely and with good impact, such as the progress made by disadvantaged pupils in their learning and the inclusive sports programme that operates at the school.'

Ofsted, December 2017.

Governors have provided input to and monitored the School Development Plan (SDP) with the Headteacher. We receive

	<p>termly reports from the Headteacher relating to the SDP and challenge progress and outcomes.</p> <p>Governors review policies regularly to ensure that all guidance is up to date. Where appropriate, CDAT policies are implemented and local policies are reviewed and adopted accordingly.</p> <p>Minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents – you can either find them on the Governors' page of our website or you can ask at the school office if you would like to see any of the minutes of our meetings.</p>
<p>Future plans for the governors</p>	<p>Governors are planning to make further improvements to the outdoor area of the school in order to further extend children's personal, social, communication and learning development in Early Years. We are also considering converting the grassed area at the front of the school in to a multi-use games area in the future.</p> <p>As governors we are extremely interested in the views of pupils, parents and staff at the school and hope to engage with all stakeholders more over the next academic year. For example, at our meeting we aim to include more presentations from both staff and pupils.</p>
<p>How you can contact the Local Governing Body</p>	<p>We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Nick Mathers, via the school office. You can see the full list of governors; their attendance</p>

	at meetings; minutes of governing body meetings and more information about what we do, on the Governors' page of the school website.
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Attendance at meetings 2018-19

Governor	Premises and H&S 26.09.2018	L&M 10.10.2018	T&L 13.11.2018	LGB 28.11.2018	LGB 23.01.19	LGB 20.03.2019	LGB 15.05.2019	Extraordinary LGB 19.06.2019	LGB 11.07.2019	Number attended	Not attended	Percentage attended
Robin Astles	Y	N	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	6	2	75%
Tim Collier	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7	0	100%
Rev. Sandi Fisher	n/a	n/a	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	4	3	57%
Kerry McLean	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9	0	100%
Nick Mathers	n/a	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	6	2	75%
Becky Rix	n/a	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	5	3	63%
Julie Theobolds	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	7	2	78%
Jane Unwin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	8	1	89%

Governor	Category	Role/ Responsibility	Start of Term of Office	End of Term of Office	Declarations of Interest
Robin Astles	CDAT Foundation	Health & Safety	01/03/2018	28/02/2022	None.
Tim Collier	Staff		01/03/2018	28/02/2022	None.
Rev. Sandi Fisher	CDAT Foundation	Religious Studies/Well-being	01/11/2018	31/10/2022	Curate in charge of St. Oswald's Church, Brereton Charity Trustee of St. Oswald's Parish Church of England Member of St. Oswald's Parish Church Council & the Church of England Trustee of Marton School from Oct 2018
Nick Mathers	CDAT Foundation	Chair of LGB/ Safeguarding/Sports Grant	01/03/2018	28/02/2022	None.
Kerry McLean	Staff – Ex-officio		01/03/2018		None.
Becky Rix	CDAT Foundation	Vice Chair of LGB/ Training	01/03/2018	28/02/2022	Marketing Director of Roadgas Ltd Owner & Director of Bespoke Marketing Solutions Nottingham Ltd Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing
Julie Theobolds	Parent - elected	SEND/Pupil Premium	01/03/2018	26/01/2021	Business Partner & Company Director of Congleton Vision Express Ltd. Member of College of Optometrists
Jane Unwin	Parent - elected		01/03/2018	17/11/2019	Employee at Sandbach High School Member of NUT Partner, Robert Simmons is an employee of Brereton C of E Primary School
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