



BREERTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Annual Governance Statement

2019-20

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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.

<p>Governance arrangements</p>	<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 7 CDAT Foundation Governors (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>'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.' Ofsted, December 2017.</p> <p>Please see page 6 for a list of Governors including their roles and dates of office.</p>
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<p>Attendance record of governors</p>	<p>Governor's attendance at meetings is high and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not "quorate" (the number of 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 an unprecedented year supporting the school leadership team through the difficult challenges the Coronavirus pandemic has brought since March 2020.</p> <p>Prior to the pandemic, governors 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 had been made and a key focus was on reviewing the School's Development Plan.</p> <p>We have were also focused on ensuring the school curriculum was broad and balanced, with a clear emphasis on intent, implementation and impact, in line with the new Ofsted Inspection Framework.</p> <p>Throughout the year, governors considered action and recommendations from a Safeguarding audit and progress of the school's Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) bids for replacement heating. The governors received news that the CIF bid had been successful in July and a new heating system will be installed over the summer.</p> <p>Governors have regularly reviewed the budget closely over 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.</p> <p><i>'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.'</i> Ofsted, December 2017.</p> <p>During the Coronavirus pandemic, governors have continued to meet remotely in order to support the Headteacher. As and when required the governing body has meet at short notice to review provisions in place to: care for keyworker and vulnerable pupils in school; provide online resources for home-learning; ensure FSM vouchers could be distributed to disadvantaged pupils; consider safeguarding policies and the wellbeing of both pupils and staff. Governors also reviewed mitigation plans for the safe reopening of the school from 15th June 2020.</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>Looking ahead, the governing body will be focused on welcoming all children back safely to the school full time from September. This will include establishing pupil's needs, academically and more importantly social and emotionally. This will include overseeing a recovery curriculum plan and the proposed spending of any government catch-up funding</p>

	<p>the school receives.</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.</p>
How you can contact the Local Governing Body	<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 at meetings; minutes of governing body meetings and more information about what we do, on the Governors' page of the school website.</p>

Attendance at meetings 2019-20

Governor	LGB 09.10.2019	LGB 04.12.2019	LGB 29.01.2020	LGB 16.03.2020	Extraordinary LGB 08.04.2020	LGB 13.05.2020	LGB 08.07.2020	Number attended	Not attended	Percentage attended
Robin Astles	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7	0	100%
Tim Collier	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	5	2	71%
Rev. Sandi Fisher	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	6	1	86%
Kerry McLean	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7	0	100%
Nick Mathers	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	6	1	86%
Becky Rix	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	4	3	57%
Julie Theobolds	Y	N	Y	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	1	67%
Helen Harper	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	Y	Y	2	1	67%
Nicola Jenkinson	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	0	100%
Alexandra Maher	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	N	N	2	2	50%
Jane Unwin	Y	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	6	0	100%

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.
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
Helen Harper	CDAT Foundation		16/03/2020	15/03/2024	
Nicola Jenkinson	Parent – Elected		29/01/2020	28/01/2024	
Alex Maher	Co-Opted		16/03/2020	15/03/2024	
Nick Mathers	CDAT Foundation	Chair of LGB/ Safeguarding/Sports Grant	01/03/2018	28/02/2022	None.
Kerry McLean	Staff – Ex-officio		01/09/2018		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
Jane Unwin	CDAT Foundation		16/03/2020	15/03/2024	Employee at Sandbach High School Member of NUT Partner, Robert Simmons is an employee of Brereton C of E Primary School
Vacant	Staff				
Vacant	Parent – Elected				

