

Governance snapshot: Ten key governance activities in 2022-23



As the Governing body, we have three main statutory duties: to ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; to hold leaders to account; and to ensure value for money. The tables below show ten key activities we undertook as a governing body in the 2022-23 school year, with a comment on their impact.

Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

- We discussed school performance, progress and key challenges with the Head Teacher and school leaders regularly, focused on the 6 Full Governing Body meetings each year.
- We participated in the OFSTED inspections at both schools, providing views on the schools' performance and future.
- We engaged with parents and the community – in school and at community events.
- Governors regularly engaged with Hampshire County Council, inspection advisory services, and with other school governors from across the county.

Both schools achieved a 'good' rating in their OFSTED inspections.

Holding leaders to account

- We maintained a constant focus on safeguarding and on attendance - reviewing policies, procedures and practice and working closely with the school.
- Our Standards committee met every term to scrutinize progress against the schools' improvement priorities.
- We regularly scrutinized performance, progress, provision for children with special educational needs; behaviours and values, and extra-curricular activities.
- Governors frequently visited school – to see the school in action and to talk to staff and pupils.

School leaders have successfully delivered a stimulating and varied curriculum and offer to the children.

Ensuring value for money

- Our Resources committee met with school leaders 6 times across the year, to review budgets and spending against forecasts.
- We supported the review and submission of acceptable school budgets, prepared robustly and submitted on time.

Budget and finances at both schools are in good condition.