



Mickle Trafford Village School

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Governor Impact Statement / Governance Report - March 2022

Current members of the Mickle Trafford Village School Board of Governors –

Wendy Lyon – Head Teacher	Attends both committee meetings and full governing body meetings (FGB)
Natalie Harrison – Joint Chair of Governors	Chair of Finance/Premises/Health & Safety Committee and attends FGB meetings
Clare Arnold – Joint Chair of Governors	Chair of Staffing/Curriculum/Safeguarding Committee and attends FGB meetings
Mat Hutchinson – School SENCO	Co-opted Governor – SCS committee & FGB
Alison Cleary – Pupil Premium lead	Staff Governor – SCS committee & FGB
Simon Kawycz	Co-opted Governor – SCS committee & FGB
Leslie Smith	Co-opted Governor – FPHS committee & FGB
Linda Peate	Co-opted Governor – FPHS committee & FGB
Yvette Brindle	Co-opted Governor – FPHS committee & FGB
Anouska Youds	Parent Governor (new appointment Mar 2022)
Sean Herbert	Parent Governor (new appointment Mar 2022)
Julie Cox – Deputy Head Teacher	Observer – both committee meetings and full governing body meetings (FGB)
Tracy Averill	Observer - School Bursar / Business Manager
Rhona Kettle	Clerk to Governors

The board of Governors maintains a skills matrix which demonstrates the diverse skills held by the Board of Governors. This document informs any appointments to ensure the Board of Governors maintain the skills required to be effective. Further information regarding Governor profiles can be

found on the school website in the Governors section. Governor attendance at meetings and their additional roles and responsibilities can be found in the various minutes of meetings on our website. In addition, the Chairs of Governors meet on a monthly, sometimes weekly basis with the Head Teacher. Although not directly involved in the day-to-day running of the school, Governors along with the Head Teacher, are ultimately responsible for ensuring the delivery of the highest standards of Education for all the children in our care.

Our Clerk to Governors is Rhona Kettle - clerk@mickletrafford.cheshire.sch.uk

Governors have attended a number of school events and meetings in addition to the various committee and FGB meetings over the past 12 months. These include - new parent information tours, performances, sporting events and competitions, PTA events, school trips, meetings with parents, wellbeing inputs, and staff-governor sessions. Governors are also routinely involved in staff recruitment processes. All Governors are vetted and receive suitable safeguarding training.

There are three core strategic functions of the Board of Governors, namely – 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 3) overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

We strive to achieve the above by critically analysing and scrutinising a number of reports, policies, documents and data that are gathered throughout each term. The past 12 months (2 years in fact) have presented us with some extremely challenging times but we have navigated our way through and are delighted to be coming out the other side to something resembling near-normal!

It has been an extremely busy time for the Board of Governors as the pandemic continued to affect our lives but we are pleased that things are now much more open and our children have been able to return to a more usual type of education and school routine. As a Board, we have resumed face to face meetings in school which has been fantastic as we had missed being around the place and catching up with staff, children and their families. Mrs Lyon and the whole team continue to support our children with both wellbeing and academic issues as we move out of the pandemic. Our wonderful children and their families have continued to play their part too, by giving so much support to the school, for which we are grateful. The after school 'Clubhouse' team and our PTA have also continued to work extremely hard, in often difficult circumstances, for the benefit of our school and the children.

We will continue to work together in our strategic role to,

- Ensure children enjoy coming to school, feel valued and part of the school community.
- Ensure pupil attainment and progress is monitored so every child achieves the best they can.
- Oversee and approve the school budget including Pupil Premium (PP), SEN, PE and Sport Premium funding (SPF) and COVID catch-up funding.
- Ensure all staff are well supported.

- Approve policies and procedures.
- Work with the SLT to implement the School Development Plan (SDP), whilst continuing to ensure the curriculum is broad and balanced.

If you would like to discuss any matters with us please do get in touch via the following email address - chairgovs@mickletrafford.cheshire.sch.uk

Kindest Regards,

Nat and Clare

(on behalf of the MTVS Governing Body)