

Goathland Primary School

On behalf of the Governors, may I offer you a very warm welcome to our website, one of many ways in which we communicate to anyone with an interest in the life of our school. We are extremely proud of our school here in Goathland, and our successes, each as a direct result of the energy and enthusiasm of our children, the dedication and determination of our staff to succeed and the invaluable support of our parents, friends and wider community in which we serve.

I very much hope that you find the information below and our website both informative and easy to use. However, it is appreciated that this only provides an insight into the life of our school. Therefore, should you require any further information or wish to visit us here at Goathland Primary School, please do not hesitate to contact our Administrator, we would be delighted to see you.

Very best wishes,

Nick Chambers,

Chair of Governors.

Governors Statement

As governors our core strategic functions are to:

- Ensuring clarity of our vision and strategic direction;
- Hold our Headteacher to account for the educational performance of our school and our children, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of our school, making sure our approved budget is managed and spent accordingly.

Our key priorities for the coming year:

- To continue to monitor the performance of our school;
- To raise the levels of achievement enabling our children to be the very best that they can be;

- To safeguard the welfare and wellbeing of our children and staff;
- To monitor and, where possible, improve our children's attendance at school;
- To seek opportunities to improve our financial viability demonstrating value for money;
- To recruit new members onto our Governing Body with skills, experience and knowledge which will be of value to our children, staff and Governors;
- To develop our relationship with Lythe Primary School and identify the benefits of a Federation in the very best interests of our children, staff and Governing Body; and
- To undertake a strategic review of the current arrangements regarding the existing Headteacher and consider/agree a way forward that ensures strong and certain leadership.

Our focus over the past year:

- 1. To challenge and support the continued raising of standards, ensuring teaching is good or better within our school;
- 2. To develop further our existing and established relationship with Lythe Primary School;
- 3. To develop and implement after school activities;
- 4. To safeguard the welfare and wellbeing of our children and staff at all times;
- 5 To seek new members to serve on our Governing Body in order to strengthen the role of Governance and involvement in oversight and strategic decision making of the school.
- 6. To maintain our engagement with the local community; and
- 7. Continue to seek ways in which we can inspire our children to be the very best that they can be.

Could you be of value to the life of our school?

One way is to serve as a Governor. We recruit Governors who have a wide range of skills, knowledge, experience and understanding. Together we continue to develop the skills needed to help us carry out our core responsibilities. It is not necessary to have educational experience as we provide extensive opportunities to train and develop the necessary expertise.

Having read below about our work, should you feel you would like to know more then please contact our school administrator