



Governing Board – Victoria Park Nursery Annual Governance Statement 2024

Introduction

The Governing Board of Victoria Park Nursery School and Family Hub consists of 9 appointed/elected Governors, an Associate Member and the School Business Manager:

Appointed/Elected

- 4 Co-opted Governors
- 2 Parent Governors
- 1 Staff Governor
- 1 x LA (Local Authority) Governor
- 1 Head Teacher

Associate Members

- 1 Family Hub Manager (Associate Member)

In Attendance

1 SBM (School Business Manager)

Clerk to Governors

Roles and Names

Co-opted Governors

- David Cooper: Chair of Governors, Chair FHRC (Finance & HR Committee), AP (Admissions Panel), PC (Pay Committee)
- Maurizia Onori: Vice Chair of Governors, FHRC, SEND Governor
- Aditya Keshari: Health & Safety Governor
- Pam Lusby - Taylor - FHRC, AP, PC

Parent Governors

- Elections September 2024

Local Authority Governor: To be appointed

Head Teacher: Lynda Shepherd (Ex officio) - AC, AP, FHRC, PC

Staff Governor: Louise Griffiths

Family Hub Manager: Sally Lawson (Associate Member)

SBM: Stacey Wyles – AP, FHRC, PC

Family Hub Manager: Sally Lawson (Associate Member)

Clerk: Chrys Healy

The three core strategic functions of Governance are:

- 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.**
- 3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.**



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The main ways in which we have undertaken those functions in the past academic year are summarised below.

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

- Ensured that the leadership team are able to offer the most effective arrangements in place to offer the best for the pupils in its care and to support the much-valued staff.

2. Holding the HT to account for the educational performance of the school and pupils

- Held a performance management review for the Head Teacher and carried out regular monitoring meetings.
- The Head Teacher's report is a regular agenda item at FGB (Full Governing Board) meetings.
- Undertaken training on a range of aspects of education, including Co-Chairs attending termly Leadership Forums run by the LA in order to better understand and support the school.
- Ensured school meets all its statutory and good practice requirements with regard to Safeguarding and Health & Safety by undertaking regular checks, updating policies and briefing governors accordingly

3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school, making sure money is well spent

- There is an FHRC (Finance & Human Resources Committee), which meets at least once a term and gets regular information on the school's financial position.

Governor Objectives for 2024/25

- To continue to support the leadership team, ensuring that pupils come first in our decision-making.
- To monitor spend very closely via the FHRC, paying particular attention to any variances to budget.
- To work with school leaders to ensure that any policies specific to Victoria Park Nursery are either reviewed/updated to reflect current practice.

Ofsted Status

Following the nursery's Ofsted Inspection in 2022, the school has Outstanding status – a testament to the hard work and dedication from all of the staff and we will strive to ensure that this status is maintained

Chair of Governors

With the departure of Maria Morgan as headteacher we welcome Lynda Shepherd to the role and we will work with her to ensure that her headship is a success for herself and the school.

David Cooper
Chair of Governors
October 2024