

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF WHITBURN VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL.  
November 2017**

The governing board of Whitburn Village Primary School has me the three core functions as outlined in the Governance Handbook, namely

- Ensuring the clarity, vision, ethos and strategic direction,
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

The key focus for the governing board in the last year has been to secure a stable leadership structure to enable the school to move forward effectively. A strong partnership has been forged with Marine Park Primary which has also secured an outstanding Head Teacher and the temporary secondment of a Deputy Head Teacher. The governing board is confident that this strong leadership will drive school improvement.

Governors have developed positive relationships with parents by attending parent consultation meetings.

The budget for the school is closely monitored by the governing board to ensure value for money.

The governing board have given consideration to their own professional development by undertaking a skills audit and creating a plan to enhance their knowledge and skills.

Ian Davies  
Chair of Governors