

SS Peter & Paul RC VA Primary School Governor Annual Report

The Governing Board of SS Peter & Paul RC VA Primary School works with the Head Teacher to promote and maintain high standards of educational achievement. The core functions of the Governing Board are:

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

Key issues that have faced the Governing Board during 2014-15

- **Safeguarding and Safety**
- **Monitoring Outcomes for students**
- **Monitoring Leadership and Management within school**
- **Recruitment and Performance monitoring of staff**
- **Implementing National Education Policy Reforms and monitoring within school**
- **Monitor the Financial Performance of school**

Assessment of the impact of the Governing Board on the school during 2014-15

- **Safeguarding and Safety:** This is our single most important duty. Government initiatives and legislation includes Keeping Children Safe in Education, this includes the PREVENT agenda (raising awareness and prevention of radicalisation); CSE (safeguarding children from sexual exploitation). We have reviewed all our policies and procedures in this area and participate in appropriate training together with staff.
- **Improving Outcomes for Students:** We have challenged the Senior Team to continue to improve outcomes at both Key Stages by improving the quality of teaching. We have monitored the progress of pupils and we have also monitored staff development and training.
- **Improving Leadership and Management:** The staffing structure of the School has been reviewed and staffing resources have been deployed to match the needs of the School.
- **Recruitment and Performance Monitoring:** Governors are responsible for all staff appointments and the monitoring of staff performance. Governors have a strategic responsibility to ensure that the Headteacher follows the school policies in relation to the monitoring of staff performance.
- **Responding to National Education Policy Reforms:** In the past 12 months there have been major changes to national policies in education. Governors have ensured that the School meets all statutory requirements. Changes have included the promotion of British Values, the new National curriculum, Assessment without Levels and legislation around Special Educational Needs provision. All School policies are reviewed regularly to meet changes.
- **Governor Monitoring and Evaluation:** Governors are linked to particular subject areas Governors regularly visited the School. We talked to students and to staff and visited lessons. We also received reports about the work of the School. As Governors, we also visited the school for occasions such as Assemblies, the Summer Fair, Christmas productions, and welcome meetings. Governors also attend outside visits, including whole school and class attendances at Mass.
- **Training:** Governors have attended appropriate training courses, workshops and briefing sessions provided by the local education authority and the Diocese to keep abreast all current education policies and to understand best practice.
- **Overseeing the Financial Performance of the School:** Governors have worked with the School to ensure continuing achievement of the Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS). We scrutinise

regular budget monitoring reports to ensure effective use of budgets. Governors also monitored use of Pupil Premium funding.

- **Holding the Senior Team to account:** A critical part of the governors' role is to support and challenge the School Senior Management Team. We did this through regular contact, visits, meetings and the work of our committees. There is a strong and robust relationship between Governors and the Senior Management. Governors have a strong working knowledge of all aspects of the School.

Composition of the Governing Board

- 2 parent governors
- 1 head teacher
- 1 staff governor
- 1 local authority governor
- 7 foundation governors

Committees of the Governing Board

- Resources
- Teaching & Learning
- Pupil Discipline
- Complaints
- Pupil Admissions
- Appeals

Chair of Governors

Mr T Fennelly

Vice Chair of Governors

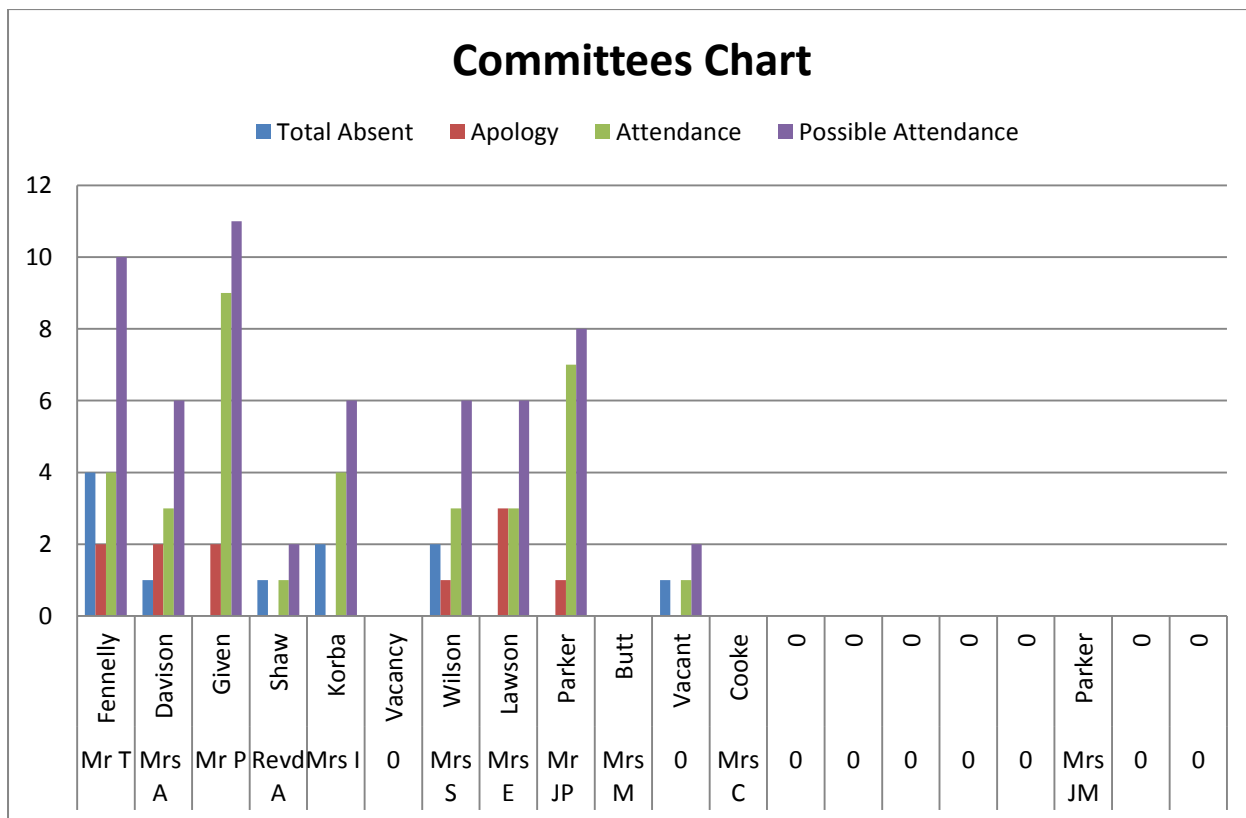
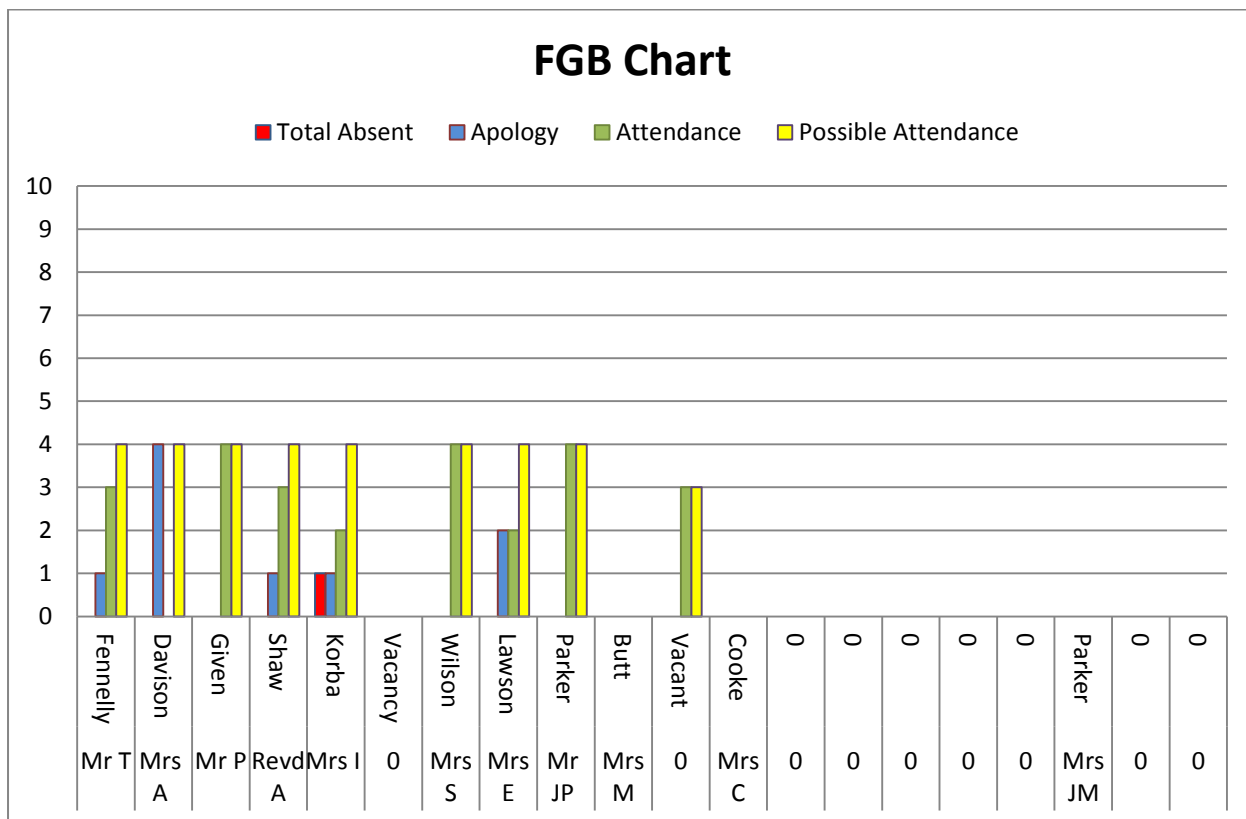
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REGISTER OF GOVERNOR/STAFF INTERESTS SS PETER & PAUL RC VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

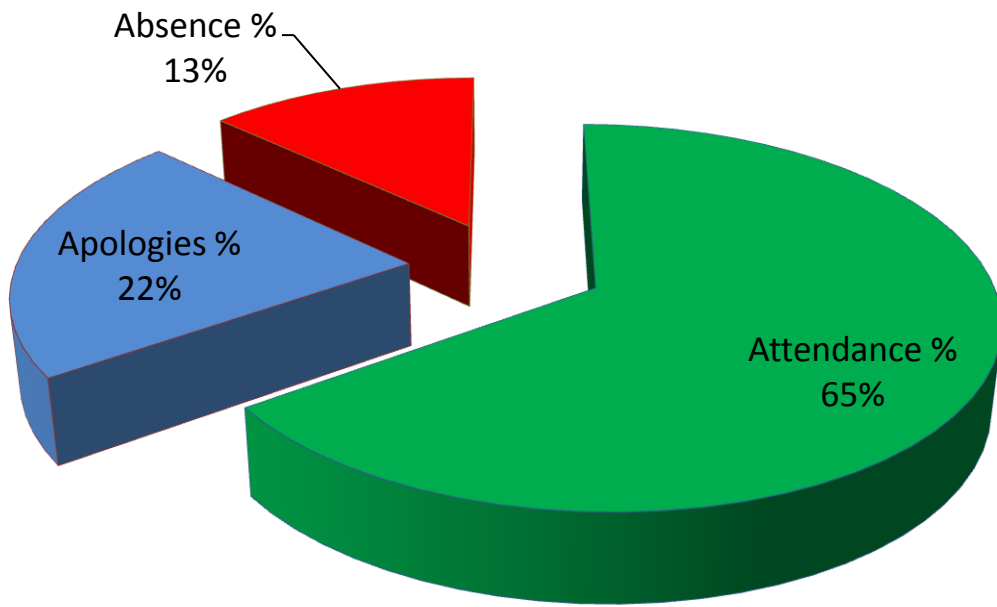
From September 2015, Governing Boards should publish, on their website, information about their governors:

Name	Category	Appointing Body	Terms of Office	Committees (if associate member has voting rights)	Official responsibility
Mrs Andrea Davison	Foundation	Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle	16/03/12 – 15/03/16	Resources Committee Teaching & Learning Committee	THIS POSITION IS NOW VACANT BECAUSE GOVERNOR RESIGNED.
Mr Tom Fennelly	Foundation	Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle	01/09/12 – 31/08/16	Resources Committee Teaching & Learning Committee	Chair of the Governing Board Chair of the Resources Committee English
Mr Paul Given	Foundation	Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle	01/09/12 – 31/08/16	Teaching & Learning Committee	PE, Health and Safety
Mrs Iwona Korba	Foundation	Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle	13/11/13 – 12/11/17	Teaching & Learning	History/ Geography
Rev Andrew John Shaw	Foundation	Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle	16/03/12 – 15/03/16	Resources Committee Teaching & Learning Committee	THIS POSITION IS NOW VACANT BECAUSE GOVERNOR RESIGNED.
Mr Anthony Whalen	Foundation	Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle	09/09/15 – 08/09/19	Teaching & Learning Committee	
Mrs Sharon Wilson	Foundation	Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle	16/03/12 – 15/03/16	Resources Committee Teaching & Learning Committee	Mathematics
Mrs Maria Butt	Head Teacher	By Virtue of Position	01/09/13 -	Resources Committee Teaching & Learning Committee	

Mrs Eileen Lawson	LEA	Local Authority	08/02/12 – 07/02/16	Resources Committee Teaching & Learning Committee	Vice Chair of the Governing Board Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee Assessment, Foundation Stage, Science
Mr John Paul Parker	Parent	Parent Body	27/09/12 – 26/09/16	Teaching & Learning Committee	Computing
Mrs Andrea Tulley	Parent	Parent Body	21.10.15- 20.10.19	Teaching & Learning Committee	Safeguarding- Child Protection and Looked After Children
Mrs Colette Cooke	Staff	School Staff	17/11/14 – 16/11/18	Teaching & Learning Committee	MFL
There are two Foundation governors needed due to recent resignations. These positions will be appointed through the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.					



Total GB Attendance



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Name	Position	Nature of Interest	Date Interest Registered	Date Interest Ceased	Notes
Mrs Andrea Davison	Foundation	THIS GOVERNOR RESIGNED JANUARY 2016.			
Mr Tom Fennelly	Foundation	None	21 October 2015		
Mr Paul Given	Foundation				
Mrs Iwona Korba	Foundation	Works as a supervisory assistant in school	21 October 2015		
Rev Andrew John Shaw	Foundation	THIS GOVERNOR RESIGNED JANUARY 2016.			
Mr Anthony Whalen	Foundation	None	21 October 2015		
Mrs Sharon Wilson	Foundation	None	21 October 2015		
Mrs Maria Butt	Head teacher	Head Teacher	21 October 2015		
Mrs Eileen Lawson	LA	Daughter in law is the Deputy Head teacher	21 October 2015		
Mr John Paul Parker	Parent	Wife is a Teacher in the school	21 October 2015		
Mrs Andrea Tulley	Parent				
Mrs Collette Cooke	Staff	Member of staff	21 October 2015		

Date of Review: October 2016

