

HELEN GIBSON NURSERY

Annual Statement of Governors 2016-17

The Governors at Helen Gibson Nursery have supported the school and kids club exceptionally well throughout the year. The Governors have been a driving force in moving our school from Good in 2013 to Outstanding in 2017. We have a wide range of Governors from many different backgrounds. The Governors skills are utilized well to match their strengths. We have working parties which also take place throughout the year which focus on issues around Teaching and Learning, Personal Development, Behaviour and welfare and Leadership and Management. The Governors work closely with the school to identify priorities and develop a cohesive plan of action. They attend regular training sessions ran by both the local authority and the school itself to ensure that they are fully up to date with any changes in legislation or initiatives.

Key issue 1 that faced the Governing Board during 2016-17

Funding

At the beginning of the new school year the government announced there was to be a new funding formula for Early Years. This could have meant that nursery schools would no longer get the allowance which enabled them to employ a head teacher, teacher and a caretaker. The nursery began the year feeling extremely vulnerable but was tasked to come up with solutions and ways forward which would help us in the future to be financially viable. The governors worked tirelessly in fighting to ensure that our Nursery School would be viable in the future. They attended the APPG in London held in the House of Westminster where Head Teachers, Governors and MP's discussed ways forward which would enable all nursery schools to be viable despite the new single funding formula. The governors supported in fun days to raise awareness and met with other nursery schools governing bodies to discuss the sharing of resources, expertise and good practice models.

Assessment of the impact 1 of the Governing Board on the school during 2016-17

The nursery School is now viable until at least 2020. The governors have begun work to future proof the school with additional ideas to create funding in the future. This has allowed all staff and governors to feel secure for the future.

Key issue 2 that faced the Governing Board during 2016-17

The 30 hour Offer

The announcement by the Government of the 30 hour for offer for all eligible families created discussions early on in the school year. We needed to look into how many children we could cater for, how the day would look, what the times would be and daily routines. We began by surveying families on our waiting list to get an idea about how many families thought they would be eligible. The head teacher attended regular training sessions which were fed back to the governors and created further discussions. We decided following in depth meetings to make some significant changes to enable the implementation to be successful.

1. To change the times of the day
2. To stop school dinners and have packed lunches instead
3. To ensure staff were available all day to support children
4. To ensure the nursery was able to offer a fully flexible offer

Assessment of the impact 2 of the Governing Board on the school during 2016-17

The school is now ready for September 2017 to fully implement the 30 hour offer.

The Governors have also been part of and successfully supported the nursery through their recent Ofsted which was graded as Outstanding.

Composition of the Governing Board

- 3 parent governors
- 1 head teacher
- 1 staff governor
- 1 local authority governor
- 4 co-opted governors

Committees of the Governing Board

- Resources Committee
- Standards Committee
- Appeals

Chair of Governors

Mrs E Thompson

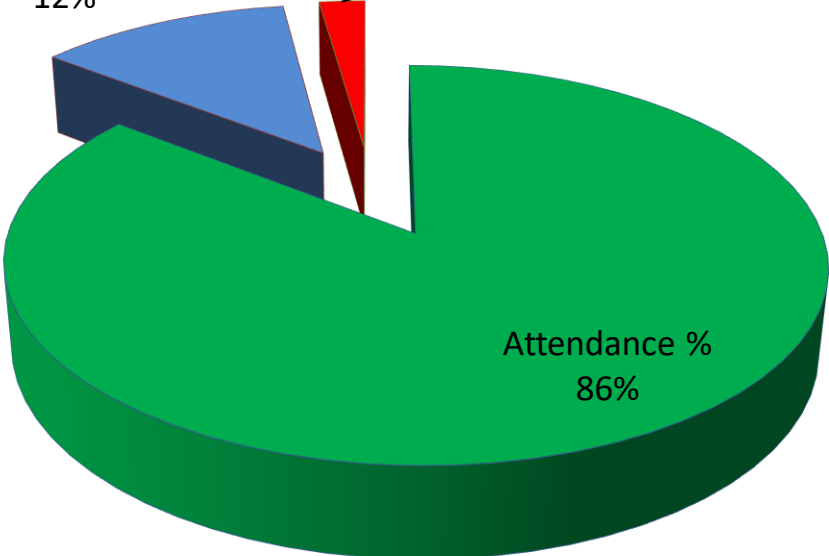
Vice Chair of Governors

Name	Category	Appointing Body	Terms of Office	Committees (if associate member has voting rights)	Official responsibility
Miss Lisa Holt	Co-opted	Governing board	04/11/2014 – 03/11/2017	Standards	
Mrs E Thompson	Co-opted	Governing board	04/11/2014 – 03/11/2017	Resources	Chair of Governors
Mrs Jenny Parker	Head Teacher	By Virtue of Position	01/09/2012	Resources Standards	
Mrs Jane Arthurs	LEA	Local Authority	04-07-2016-03-04-2020	Resources	
Ms Cheryl Brice	Parent	Parents	08-06-2016-07-06-2018	Standards	
Mr Andrew Ironside	Parent	Parents	14/09/2015 – 13/09/2017	Resources	
Kate Lucas	Parent	Parents	13/04/2016 - 12/04/2018	Standards	
Mrs Michelle Dixon	Staff	Staff	12-09-2017 – 11-09-2020	Resources	
Miss Sara Elisabeth Butler	Staff	Staff	27-04-2016-26-04-2018	Resigned 06-09-2017	
Mrs Michelle Dixon	Co-opted	Governing board	18/05/2015 – 11/09/2017	Change of governor type	
Mrs Jacqueline Brown	Co-opted	Governing board	04/11/2014 – 31/07/2017	Standards	Vice Chair of Governors

Total GB Attendance

Apologies %
12%

Absence %
2%



Attendance %
86%

REGISTER OF GOVERNOR INTERESTS

HELEN GIBSON NURSERY SCHOOL

Name	Position	Nature of Interest	Date Interest Registered	Date Interest Ceased	Notes
Mrs Jacqueline Brown	Co-opted	None	27-06-2017	01-08-2017	
Mrs Michelle Dixon	Co-opted	None	27-06-2017		Head Teacher and Governor of Clervaux Nursery School
Miss Lisa Holt	Co-opted				Head Teacher and Governor of East Boldon Infant School
Mrs E Thompson	Co-opted	None			Governor at East Boldon Infants
Mrs Jenny Parker	Head Teacher				Governor at Clervaux Nursery School
Mrs Jane Arthurs	LEA	None	27-06-2017		
Ms C Brice	Parent	None	27-06-2017		
Mr Andrew Ironside	Parent	None	27-06-2017		
Ms Kate Lucas	Parent	None	27-06-2017		
Miss S E Butler	Staff		29-06-2017	31-08-17	Teacher at Helen Gibson Nursery School

Date of Review: _____

