

Annual Governance Statement

2015-2016

MOORLANDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

1. THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Governors during this year were:

Name of Governor	Type of Governor	Current Term of Office Expires
Cllr Mrs J Baugh	Local Authority	3 rd January 2017
Mr N W Davenport	Co-opted	resigned summer term 2016
Mrs E Dawson	Parent	18 th May 2020
Mrs S Harrison	Co-opted	12 th November 2020
Mrs J Jenkinson	Associate Member	
Miss A Kelly	Headteacher	
Mr R Lee	Co-opted	15 th September 2019
Mrs E Litten	Associate Member	
Mrs R McCourt	Staff	14 th September 2019
Mrs J C Renfrew	Parent	Vice Chair 22 nd May 2017
Mr K Simons	Co-opted	15 th September 2019
Mrs L M Smith	Co-opted	Chair 2 nd May 2020
Mrs D Tyagi	Parent	resigned summer term
Dr N Wheeler	Parent	7 th November 2017

2. CLERK TO GOVERNORS

Trafford Governor Services, 2nd Floor Waterside House, Sale M33 7ZF. Contact: Julie Lawson, Governor Services Manager 0161 912 3218.

3. COMMITTEES

Academic Year 2015-2016

Personnel, Pay and Standards Committee

CLr Mrs J Baugh

Mrs E Dawson (from May 2016)

Mrs S Harrison

Mrs R McCourt

Mrs L Smith

Mrs D Tyagi (until resignation)

Mr N Wheeler (Chair of Committee)

Resources Committee

Mr N Davenport (until resignation in summer term)

Mrs J Jenkinson

Mr R Lee

Mrs J Renfrew (Chair)

Mr K Simons

Pupil Discipline Committee

Membership: all Governors subject to availability and impartiality.

Appeals

Membership: all Governors subject to availability and impartiality.

Remits for the Committees are available on request from the School. Miss Kelly and Mrs Litten attend meetings of all committees where appropriate.

4. ATTENDANCE

Governor	Number of Board Meetings attended this year (out of 5)	Number of Committee Meetings Attended this year (out of 5)	Number of Training Sessions Attended this year from Governor Services	Number of Visits to School this year (excluding meetings attended)
Cllr Mrs J Baugh	Apologies 16.9.15, 21.6.16 3	Apologies 9.11.15, 9.11.15 3	1	0
Mr N W Davenport	Apologies 21.6.16 4	4	0	0
Mrs S Harrison	5	5	0	8
Mr R Lee	Apologies 9.3.16 4	Apologies 14.6.16 4	1	4
Mrs J Jenkinson	5	5	1	n/a
Mrs E Litten	Apologies 17.11.15 4	Apologies 9.11.15, 23.2.16 8 (attends both)		n/a
Mrs R McCourt	5	Apologies 30.9.15 4	0	n/a
Mr K Simon	Apologies 17.11.15 4	Apologies 14.6.16 4	0	2
Mrs L Dawson	Apologies 21.6.16 0 (out of 1 possible)	1 (out of possible 1)	1	1
Mrs J C Renfrew	5	Apologies 23.2.16 4	5	5
Mrs L Smith	5	5	4	12
Mrs D Tyagi	Apologies 16.9.15, 9.3.16 2	Apologies 30.9.15, 9.11.15 2	0	0
Dr N Wheeler	5	5	1	6

Please note that lists of Governor visits exclude visits for other reasons, such as attending Friends of Moorlands meetings or supply teaching visits.

5. GOVERNOR PROFILES

Jane Baugh

I first became a Governor when my youngest son started school in 1984 at Park Road school in Timperley and I was elected a parent Governor.

I attended Education Committee meetings and eventually became a Local Councillor in 1990. Education has always been my highest priority, along with the NHS, which I have worked in for 45 years

I have been Chair of Governors at South Trafford College (as it was then) and Chair of Governors at Park Road and a Governor also at Broadheath Primary School.

I am now Shadow spokesperson for Children and Young People's Services on Trafford Borough council and honoured to be a Local Authority Governor at Moorlands Junior School.

Elaine Dawson

In 2010 I moved from London and live in Sale with my four children. My children have all attended Moorlands, three are now thriving at secondary school and Evie is doing well in Year 5.

My children's experience of Moorlands has been extremely positive and has set them well on their paths. I am a keen supporter of the school and its staff - which has driven me to join the governing body. My wish is that all children and parents have the same positive experience we have had.

In a former life I worked in Human Resources, initially in local government and then banking. I stopped working to raise my children and recently returned to work part time in a marketing and administration role for a small family firm (based in London ironically).

We have embraced our life in the North, the children are very active in the community with dancing, Guides, football, local theatre and much of my time is spent supporting them in their endeavours. I volunteer at the Foodbank (Timperley) when I can, and have been part of Friends of Worthington Park - I value our local community very much.

Susan Harrison

As a school governor I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about my background.

I trained as a teacher many years ago and have experience of working in a wide variety of primary schools. When I left my final full time job I was the deputy head of a large multicultural school.

I have previously been the teacher representative on the Governing body of my own school and an LEA representative at a special needs school. On both of these bodies I found the involvement to be both challenging and interesting.

I have worked regularly as a supply teacher at Moorlands Junior School over the last seven years and have found the school to be a happy and fulfilling place for the pupils and staff. . I was pleased to be invited to become a co-opted governor at Moorlands Junior School several years ago.

I enjoy working as a member of the Moorlands governing body as the school continues to develop and build on its success in providing the best possible education for pupils.

Julie Jenkinson

I am the School Business Manager and have worked at Moorlands Junior School since 2002 when I started as a Teaching Assistant. I started helping out in the office and in 2004 became Office Manager. I completed the Certificate of School Business Manager's degree in 2010. Moorlands School (as it used to be known) was my Primary school and I started here the day school opened in January 1967 and I feel privileged to part of its history. I have been a staff governor for nearly 10 years starting on the finance committee as this benefitted my role in school and I became Safeguarding Governor 4 years ago. I used to be a Beaver Scout Leader and until recently a District Beaver Scout Leader. I am currently a member of Sale Handbell Ringers and enjoy mountain biking, skiing and yoga.

Roger Lee

I am a retired Chartered Accountant and worked for many years in the audit department of the Manchester office of one of the largest worldwide firms of

accountants. I specialised in charity audits, amongst which were a number of school clients in the independent sector. This is an area that has always been of interest to me and I therefore hope to be able to bring my financial experience and accounting knowledge to assist in my role of School Governor at Moorlands Junior School.

I have lived in Sale all my life and have for many years had a close connection with Sale Sports Club, where I am currently Hon Treasurer. This takes up quite a lot of my spare time due to the administrative needs and ambitious development plans of the Club but my other interests include concert-going, theatre, photography and walking as well as regular holidays at home and abroad.

Jo Renfrew (Vice Chair of Governors)

I am the very proud mum of 3 children, with Abigail currently in year 5 at Moorlands Junior School and Evie having left in 2015 to go to High School and Lucas in Year 1 at Templemoor Infant School.

I am an Engineer and have worked in the Water Industry for 20 years. I took voluntary redundancy in 2015 in order to start up my own business and spend more time with my children. I now work as an Engineering consultant and have my own catering business. This has also allowed me to spend more time on my Governing duties.

I have a passionate interest in Maths and Science and how these are taught in school which is one of the reasons I became a Governor. I never fail to be impressed with the level of commitment that Miss Kelly and the staff demonstrate and I am very proud to be able to say I am a Governor at Moorlands.

Kane Simons

I am 34 years old and have lived in Sale for the past three years. I am married with two young children. I work as a barrister. I became a school governor at Moorlands in 2015, hoping to contribute to my local community and learn more about primary education, having mentored and worked with university-aged students for some time.

Louise Smith (Chair of Governors)

I became chair of governors in the summer term of 2014. I have three children, the youngest of whom is currently at Moorlands in Year 6. My older children also went to Moorlands and finished Year 6 in 2012 and 2015 respectively, moving on to a local secondary school. When I lived in London, I was a community governor at an inner city primary school and was interested to stand when a parent governor vacancy arose at Moorlands.

I currently work for the Gaddum Centre, Manchester's oldest charity, providing Care Act and Independent Mental Capacity Act statutory advocacy to vulnerable adults, including during safeguarding investigations. I have a particular interest in literacy projects in school and am the Literacy Link Governor.

Nick Wheeler

I am 46 and have lived in Sale for 10 years with my wife and 2 daughters. I work on power generation projects as a Chartered Electrical Engineer; my previous experience includes working in the manufacturing, semiconductor and nuclear sectors. Much of my spare time is spent climbing mountains and cycling - sometimes joined by my children, when they can be persuaded! Education has always had an important place in my family; my parents were both teachers, my sister is too and my wife is now a teaching assistant. My main priorities as governor are to help foster a culture of continuous improvement in the running of the school, and to ensure the school continues to offer the widest possible range of learning opportunities for the children.

6. CHAIR'S STATEMENT

Over the academic year 2015-2016, the Board of Governors as a whole has worked hard to support the Headteacher and the staff at Moorlands to provide a happy, caring school which meets the needs of each and every pupil.

As governors, our formal role is threefold: to provide a strategic direction for the school; to hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school; and to oversee the financial performance of the

school, including agreeing the annual budget. We do not get involved in the day to day running of the school.

This year, we said goodbye to Daisy Tyagi (parent governor) and to Nigel Davenport, who was involved with the school for many years both as a parent and as a valued member of the Board of Governors and we welcomed the following governors:

- Mr Roger Lee (appointed as a co-opted governor)
- Mr Kane Simons (appointed as a co-opted governor)
- Mrs Elaine Dawson (elected by parents/guardians as a parent governor)

During the academic year 2015-2016, we met as a whole governing body five times and we also had five meetings of each of our two committees, to discuss and question policies and developments in more detail. Each governor served on one of the committees, according to his or her interests, skills and experience.

In accordance with government requirements, all governors are now DBS checked.

Some examples of work we have undertaken this year include:

- Continuing our 'meet the teacher' feature, where we have invited a member of staff to our main meetings, to learn more about their particular individual experience and vision, for example Governors were happy to meet Mr Gilliam, to learn more about the 'Moorlands Mile' and the school's sports provision
- Continuing our 'Link Governor' work: this year the Maths Link Governor (Nick Wheeler), English Link Governor (Louise Smith) and SEN Link Governor (Sue Harrison) visited the school in this capacity and wrote reports for the Board
- Analysing the data behind the school's SATS results (report analysing the data was prepared for governors by Nick Wheeler)
- Working with the Headteacher and staff on the school's statement of values
- Working with the Headteacher and staff to support the school's Raising Attainment Plan
- Establishing a new Link Governor role for monitoring and being the governor liaison point on Pupil Premium Funding (currently Sue Harrison)

- Considering and approving the Behaviour Policy, Whistleblowing Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy and Positive Handling Policies
- Attending a Health and Safety Playground Audit (Jo Renfrew)
- Participating in a Careers Day at school for Year 6 children (Roger Lee, Kane Simons, Nick Wheeler and Louise Smith attended)
- Regularly attending training on new policies, procedures and national initiatives, including in particular the new curriculum and new SATS assessment criteria, in order to meet our responsibilities.

Over the course of the next academic year, we hope to welcome a new co-opted governor to fill our current vacancy following the resignation of Nigel Davenport.

Louise Smith

7. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Academic Year 2014-2015

Term	Board Meeting	Personnel, Pay & Standards Committee	Resources Committee
Autumn	16.9.2015 17.11.2015	30.9.2015 3.11.2015	5.10.2015 10.11.2015
Spring	9.3.2016 31.3.2016	21.1.2016	23.2.2016 26.4.2016
Summer	21.6.2016	4.5.2016 15.6.2016	14.6.2016

8. GOVERNORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Please see attached.