



Learning is Ace

**Annual Governance Statement for the Local Governing Board (LGB)
of Astley Primary School
September 2020**

Core Aims	<p>In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the core aims of the Local Governing Board are to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provide a sense of direction for the work of the school• support the work of the school as a critical friend• to hold the school to account for the quality of the education (including teaching and learning) it provides and the standards achieved• to liaise with Synergy Trust
Governance Arrangements	<p>As from the 1st September 2020 the local Governing Board of Astley consists of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 Governors made up of<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 Parent Governors• 2 Staff Governors (including the Headteacher)• 7 Trust Appointed Governors <p>In addition we have also appointed x1 Associate Governor.</p> <p>Synergy Trust maintains control over finance, staffing and premises but has delegated many areas to LGB's which include election of governors and oversight of teaching and learning. The Chair is a director of the Trust.</p> <p>The LGB meets every half term. All business is transacted through the LGB where all major decisions are agreed. However, individual governors take on specific roles that cover both the statutory requirements and other areas that the governors have agreed should be monitored, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeguarding• Health and Safety• SEND• Premises• Policies• Curriculum

We also have Governors who meet if required to consider pupil discipline and staffing matters.

**Governors
Terms of Office /
Roles
2020-2021**

	Current Serving Governors	Term of Office	Role	Governor Appointment
1	Jen Goakes	Ex-Officio	Staff	Headteacher
2	Graham Pickhaver	30/09/14 - 16/07/2021	Chair	Trust Appointed
3	Jenny Meara	03/2/20 – 02/02/2024	Vice Chair	Trust Appointed
4	Carol Sexton	17/07/17 – 18/07/21		Trust Appointed
5	Alannah Nash	17/07/17 – 18/07/21		Trust Appointed
6	Claire Newstead	11/11/18 – 14/07/22		Trust Appointed
7	Sarah Warricker	13/07/20 – 12/07/24		Parent Governor
8	Katie Andrews	03/02/20 – 02/02/2024		Trust Appointed
9	Julie Coleman	09/06/17 - 09/05/21		Staff Governor
10	Karen Cornish	13/07/20 – 12/07/24		Parent Governor
11	Tracey Hopper	14/09/20 – 13/09/24		Parent Governor
	Alex Seager	16/09/19 – 15/09/23		Associate Governor
	Governors serving in the last 12 months	Term of Office	Role	Governor Appointment
1	Lisa Cook	16/01/18 – 31/01/20		Parent Governor
2	Lara Lacey	11/11/18 – 31/08/20		Parent Governor

**Attendance
Record of
Governors
2019 / 20**

Governors	Percentage Attendance
Jen Goakes	100.00%
Graham Pickhaver	100.00%
Jenny Meara	100.00%
Alex Seager	100.00%
Julie Coleman	100.00%
Carol Sexton	100.00%
Alannah Nash	60.00%
Lara Lacey	100.00%
Sarah Warricker	66.00%
Claire Newstead	40.00%
Katie Andrews	100.00%
Lisa Cook	33.00%

	<p>Governors have excellent attendance at meetings and have never cancelled a meeting because it was not 'quorate' (the number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made).</p>												
<p>The Work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body</p>	<p>The Governing Body has continued to be actively involved in monitoring school improvement and the development of the school premises.</p> <p>The LGB continues to receive regular reports from all subject leads.</p> <p>Governors have also regularly discussed data giving the results of pupil achievement and progress, so that we can be sure that the school is on track to fulfil its targets for all pupils. We are also concerned about our 'vulnerable groups' of children and focus on how the Pupil Premium fund is being spent by the school and what impact this has on their achievement. A nominated Governor is responsible for this area.</p> <p>A summary of the school's results can be found on the website.</p> <p>Governors responsible for Premises, Safeguarding and Pupil Premium have regularly visited the school and the nominated Governor for Safeguarding completes an annual audit and termly reports are presented to the LGB.</p> <p>Other Governors have visited school on various occasions and the Chair continues to attend weekly meetings and consults with the Headteacher on a regular basis.</p> <p>Governors have also reviewed a number of school policies.</p> <p>The pupil admission number remains at 30</p> <p>Although the LGB is no longer responsible for finance the LGB continue to receive reports on the financial status of the school.</p> <p>The solar panel scheme has not produced the expected benefit to the school and discussions continue over its current status.</p> <p>Minutes of LGB meetings are public documents – you can either find them on the Governor's page of our website or you can ask at the office if you would like to see any of the minutes or our meetings.</p>												
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	RE Primary Languages PE Computing Life Skills and RSE Website Overview / Audit	Carol Sexton Alannah Nash Jenny Meara Sarah Warricker Carol Sexton Sarah Warricker	Emma Harrold Sarah Holness Lilly Wreford Louiza Le Rose Emma Harrold KH / Headteacher
	Finance	Katie Andrews	HT
	Pupil and Sport Premium	Jenny Meara	HT
	HT Performance (2)	Graham Pickhaver Carol Sexton	HT / CEO
	SIDP	All	HT
	SEF	All	HT
	Safeguarding	Carol Sexton	HT
	SEND and Looked After Children	Tracey Hopper	JC
	Parent Links	Karen Cornish Claire Newstead	HT
Future plans for the Governors	<p>The ongoing work of the LGB is to monitor standards and to support staff as they seek to plan changes and new strategies to bring about improvement.</p> <p>The LGB will continue to encourage regular governor school visits so that governors have full working knowledge of all aspects of school life. It will also regularly audit governor training needs and to ensure that specific areas e.g. governor training needs and to ensure that specific areas e.g. finance, curriculum have governors with the appropriate training and skills. The school regularly receives updates of the School Improvement Development Plan and the SEF.</p>		
How you can contact the governing body	<p>We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors via the school office. You can see the full list of governors; their attendance at meetings; minutes of the governing body meetings and more information about what we do, on the Governors' page of the school website.</p>		