



Annual Governance Statement Lindow Community Primary School 2025-2026

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of the Governing Board are:

1. Ensure clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction;
2. Hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school;
3. Oversee the financial performance of the school, ensuring value for money.

Governance arrangements

The Governing Board of Lindow Community Primary School is made up of the Headteacher, 1 staff governor, 2 elected Parent Governors, 1 Local Authority Governor and 7 Co-opted Governors.

Co-opted governors are appointed by the Governing Board and are people who, in the opinion of the Board, have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. On our Governing Board we currently have 2 co-opted governor vacancies.

The full Governing Board meets 6 times each year, so once per half term.

Individual or pairs of governors are assigned to monitor areas of school life and governors visit the school frequently during the year. Visits may include learning walks around the school focusing on particular areas of interest.

Governors also have the opportunity to attend meetings with the School Improvement Partner who provides an independent analysis of the school's performance to the Governing Board and assists with the Headteacher's Performance Management review.

Attendance record of governors

Governors have excellent attendance at meetings, and we have not had to reschedule or cancel a meeting during the 2024-2025 academic year because it was not "quorate" (the number of governors needed to ensure that legal decisions can be made). A detailed record of individual governors' attendance at meetings is available on the school's website.

The work that was carried out by our committees and in the Governing Board during the 2024-2025 academic year

The Governing Board worked closely with the senior leadership of the school to address operational needs and advance the strategic goals of the school as outlined in the School Development Plan.

Throughout the year, governors have continued to focus on enhancing the quality of education, maintaining outstanding pupil behaviour and developing leadership and management capabilities across the staff team. Pupil and staff wellbeing have also continued to be priority.

The Governing Board closely reviewed and monitored the school's finances, budget and 3 year financial plan. It looked at the maintenance and

development of the school premises and also benchmarked key areas against other similar schools to ensure best value for money. In the summer term, the Board approved the 2025-26 budget plan for the school.

Part 1 minutes of Governing Body and Committee meetings are public documents – you can ask at the school office if you would like to see any of the minutes of our meetings.

Future plans for the Governing Board

The Governing Board is looking forward to another busy year and our focus for the 2025-26 academic year will be on the following areas:

- Monitoring actions from the School Development Plan
- Link Governor visits covering the whole curriculum
- Attendance and a focus on maximising it
- SEN and targeted provision
- Focusing on expectations around behaviour and achievement
- Projects to improve teaching and learning environment
- Increasing pastoral and wellbeing support and awareness

How you can contact the governing board

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Jo Dunn, via the school office.

You can see the full list of governors, their attendance at meetings and more information about what we do, on the 'Our Governors' pages of the school's website.