

Purley Primary Review of Governance – 2014 – 2015

Three core Strategic Functions of Governance

- a) Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- b) Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- c) Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

Strategic function of governance	Challenges and achievements	Review of our effectiveness
<i>Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction</i>	<p><i>We have:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergone a supported self-review, identifying areas of strength and areas for future work • Successfully recruited an upper KS2 teacher, with a wide range of expertise, and a strong church background 	<p><i>We consider our overall effectiveness in this area to be: Good</i></p> <p><i>Next year we will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a focus on the school development plan, ensuring that we establish a strong and vibrant upper key stage 2 within the school.
<i>Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils</i>	<p><i>We have:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintained a programme of Governor visits, focussing on specific areas relating to the school development plan, and reporting on issues arising • Ensured that data on pupil progress is scrutinised, and challenged the HT where appropriate on what interventions are in place to address any concerns arising from this • Endeavoured to proactively acknowledge the progress that has been made by the head, and all staff, in raising and maintaining high standards of teaching and learning 	<p><i>We consider our overall effectiveness in this area to be: Good</i></p> <p><i>Next year we will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the progress of pupils with regards to maths • Monitor the effective transition of pupils through each key stage. • Maintain an overview of the profile of the school with regards to the spread of abilities, ensuring that all pupils are supported to achieve to the best of their abilities.
<i>Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent</i>	<p><i>We have:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintained a rigorous overview of the spending of the school budget, particularly in light of the school build • Ensured that our scrutiny supports good decision making about where to prioritise spending, to best address the needs of the pupils in the school 	<p><i>We consider our overall effectiveness in this area to be: Good</i></p> <p><i>Next year we will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the F&S committee with the addition of newly recruited governors with expertise in finance.