



Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Holmesdale Infant School to July 2025.

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

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governance arrangements

The Governing Board of Holmesdale Infant School is made up of: 2 staff governors, 3 Co-opted governors, 3 Parent governors and an LA governor as detailed in the table below:

Governor	Category	Term office expiry date
Sarah Lockwood	Headteacher	N/a
Lisa Maybury	Teaching Staff	N/a
Dawn Curry	Co-opted Chair of Governors	18 th December 2027
Angela Chappell	Co-opted Vice Chair of Governors	26 th November 2025
Michelle Emmens	LA Governor	8 th December 2027
Kathy Attwood	Co-opted Governor	26 th November 2027
Donna Wright	Parent Governor	23 rd July 2026
Katie McGann	Parent Governor	25 th May 2027
Susannah Wall	Parent Governor	25 th May 2027

To ensure effective governance and the success of the school, our governors have a wide range of skills and experience, including:

- A commitment to improving education for all pupils.
- Experience of professional leadership.
- Ability to analyse data.
- Financial management.
- Links with the local community and local businesses.
- Working or volunteering with young people.
- An understanding of special educational needs.

- A knowledge of DFE policy workings.

The Governing Board meets six times a year (each half term).

Attendance record of Governors

A record is kept by the Clerk to the Governing Board of Governor's attendance at meetings; details of attendance can be found in the table below. Meetings need to be 'quorate' to ensure that decisions can be made.

Governor	Full Governing Board meetings attended
Sarah Lockwood	5
Lisa Maybury	5
Dawn Curry	5
Angela Chappell	5
Michelle Emmens	1
Kathy Attwood	4
Donna Wright	5
Katie McGann	5
Susannah Wall	4

The work we have done in our committees and in the Governing Board meetings during the past 12 months includes:

- Governors worked with the Head to prepare the budget for 2025/26, and spending in all areas was reviewed at regular intervals.
- Governors have supported with a Staff misconduct case.
- Throughout the year, Governors have helped at school events, McMillan coffee afternoon, Summer Fair and school council.
- Held three governor surgeries for parents to attend to discuss any issues or concerns.
- Throughout the year, school policies were reviewed by Governors prior to their adoption by the school.
- Governors participated in the Safeguarding & PREVENT training online.
- Governors have visited school and met with subject leads.

- Attended governor briefings, and other relevant training.
- Worked with Ofsted and supported school through a very successful Ofsted inspection in September 2024.