



Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Holmesdale Infant School to July 2023.

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	6 th December 2024
Katie McGann	Parent Governor	25 th May 2027
Susannah Wall	Parent Governor	25 th May 2027

In order 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
Helen Driver	3
Michelle Emmens	3
Kathy Attwood	0
Donna Wright	5
Katie McGann	1
Susannah Wall	0

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 2023/24, and spending in all areas was reviewed at regular intervals.
- Three new teachers, three teaching assistants, 1 caretaker, a School Business Manager and School Business Assistant have been recruited during 2022-2023. Governors both short-listed and interviewed candidates before finalising the appointment.
- Throughout the year, Governors have helped at school events, McMillan coffee afternoon, Summer Fair and school council.
- Governors approved the election of Susie Wall, Katie McGann and Kathy Attwood.
- Throughout the year, school policies were reviewed by Governors prior to their adoption by the school.
- Governors participated in the Safeguarding training on the inset day in September 2022 and virtual PREVENT and safeguarding.
- All governors have visited school and met with subject leads.
- Attended governor briefings, induction and finance training.
- Supported school through the loss and bereavement of Sue Whitfield, a parent governor at Holmesdale Infant School.