

Annual Governance Statement

Husthwaite and Sessay CE Federation

School Name	Husthwaite CE Primary school
School Address	Low Street, Husthwaite, York, YO61 4QA
Telephone number	01347 868371
Contact email address	admin@husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk
Website	www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk

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Category of school	Voluntary Controlled
DfE number	815/3057
Ofsted grading and date of last inspection	Requires Improvement, 11 th -12 th October 2022

School Name	Sessay CE Primary school
School Address	Sessay, Thirsk, YO7 3NA
Telephone number	01845 501239
Contact email address	admin@sessay.n-yorks.sch.uk
Website	www.sessay.n-yorks.sch.uk

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Category of school	Voluntary Controlled
DfE number	815/3101
Ofsted grading and date of last inspection	Good, 14 th – 15 th January 2020

Name of Executive Headteacher for Federation	Fiona Bennett
Name of Deputy Headteacher	Senior Teacher Husthwaite, Miss Gemma Goodchild Senior Teacher Sessay, Mrs Katie Tyrka, Mrs S Watson

Date of Annual Governance Statement	July 2023
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The core functions of the governing body

As defined by the Department for Education (DfE) in The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013, the core functions of the governing body include:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Ensuring the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources.

In exercising their functions the governing body shall

- Act with integrity, objectivity and honesty and in the best interests of the school; and
- Be open about the decisions they make and the actions they take and in particular shall be prepared to explain their decisions and actions to interested parties.

Our governing body has a code of conduct which is reviewed and agreed annually. All governors and associate members are obliged to abide by this code.

Legal constitution of the governing body

The governing body was formally constituted on

31 st October 2016

Category of Governor	Appointed or elected onto the governing body?
6 x Co-opted Governors (incl 1 member of staff)	Appointed by the governing body
2 x Foundation Governors	Appointed by the diocese
2 x Parent Governors	Elected on to the governing body by parents of pupils at the school (1 from each school)
1 x Headteacher	Governor by virtue of employment by the school
1 x Staff Governor	Elected on to the governing body by all staff employed by the school
1 x Local Authority Governor	Nominated by the Local Authority, and appointed by the governing body
Total number of governors = 13	

Who volunteers on the school's governing body?

Category of Governor	Full Name	Term of Office
Co-opted	Mrs Gill Shaw	02/07/23 – 01/07/27
Co-opted	Mrs Katie Tyrka (Staff Member)	31/10/20 - 30/10/24
Co-opted	Mr Jim Squelch	09/07/22 – 31/12/22
Co-opted	Mrs Mary Sigsworth	01/12/20 - 30/11/24
Co-opted	Mrs Olivia Spilman	01/10/20 - 30/09/24
Co-opted	Mr Stephen Brough	28/03/23 - 27/03/27
Co-opted	Vacancy	
Foundation	Vacancy	

Foundation	Rev David Biggs	01/02/22 – 31/01/26
Parent	Mrs Louisa Carolan	01/11/20 - 30/10/24
Parent	Mrs Liz Hebdon	20/12/21 – 19/12/25
Headteacher	Miss Fiona Bennett	31/10/22 – 30/10/26
Staff	Mrs Trudi Jackson	31/10/20 - 30/10/24
Local Authority	Miss Laken Robson	31/10/21 - 11/05/23
Local Authority	Vacancy	

The Clerk to Governors is	Lesley Barber
The Chair of Governors is	Louisa Carolan
The Vice Chair of Governors is	Gill Shaw

This governing body also has Associate Members. Associate Members are not governors but they are public volunteers. They are appointed by the governing body to support the ongoing work and duties of the governing body. The number of Associate Members is determined by the governing body.

Associate Members	Term of office	Voting rights at committee level?
Mrs Sarah Dixon	31/10/20 - 30/10/24	None
Mrs Louise Waite	31/10/20 - 30/10/24	None
Miss Gemma Goodchild	31/10/20 - 30/10/24	None

How the governing body delegates and distributes its duties

The governing body agreed to form the following committees on 31st October 2016. This is reviewed annually.

Committee 1 School Improvement	Committee 2 Resources
<u>Attendees</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona Bennett • Gill Shaw (Chair) • Rev David Biggs • Gemma Goodchild • Katie Tyrka • Trudi Jackson • Liz Hebdon • Vacancy x2 	<u>Attendees</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona Bennett • Mary Sigsworth (Chair) • Louisa Carolan • Olivia Spilman • Stephen Brough • Sarah Dixon • Louise Waite • Vacancy
<u>Remit of committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on teaching, pupil progress, the curriculum and the school community as a whole 	<u>Remit of committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overseeing the financial performance of the school

Specific panels of the governing body are convened as required for

- School Complaints and complaints appeal
- Staff dismissal and staff dismissal appeal
- Pupil Discipline

Membership to be drawn from the pool of eligible governors across the whole governing body with different representatives on the two staffing and two complaints committees

- Headteacher's performance management

Panel: Rev David Biggs, Mary Sigsworth

The governing body delegates some specific functions to some governors covering specific areas of school life. These governors are known as Link Governors. Our school has the following link governors.

Area of responsibility	Named Governor
Safeguarding	Liz Hebdon
Sex and Relationship Education	Liz Hebdon
Equality and Race Relations	Liz Hebdon
Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)	Laken Robson
Pupil Premium	Laken Robson
English	Gill Shaw
Maths	Stephen Brough
Church Aspects	David Biggs
EYFS	Gill Shaw
Science	Louisa Carolan
Support Staff	Olivia Spilman
Teaching Staff	Olivia Spilman
Health and Safety	Mary Sigsworth
Humanities	Mary Sigsworth
Computing	David Biggs

Governing body and committee meeting attendance

Governor Name	Meeting Dates and Attendance		
	Full Governing Body Attendance	School Improvement Committee Attendance	Resources Committee Attendance
Fiona Bennett	6/6	4/4	4/4
Louisa Carolan	6/6	n/a	3/4
Rev David Biggs	4/6	1/4	n/a
Liz Hebdon	5/6	2/4	n/a
Laken Robson	0/4	n/a	0/4
Malcolm French	0/1	1/1	n/a
Katie Tyrka	6/6	4/4	n/a
Olivia Spilman	5/6	n/a	3/4
Jim Squelch	2/2	n/a	1/2
Gill Shaw	6/6	4/4	n/a
Trudi Jackson	5/6	4/4	n/a
Mary Sigsworth	6/6	n/a	4/4
Stephen Brough	4/4	n/a	0/1

Governing body effectiveness and impact

The Governing body aims to hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the federation and its pupils by regular visits into school as link governors, attending meetings, questioning and challenging at all times.

Our governance committees have continued to meet throughout the Covid-19 via Zoom. The resources committee met four times to oversee the financial performance of the schools, making sure the money is well spent, taking into account Pupil Premium and sports funding. The school Improvement Committee met four times via zoom to oversee curriculum development and pupil progress during remote learning.

Find out more about our schools

- Link to Ofsted report <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report>
- The schools' pupil premium and sports funding can be accessed through the individual websites
- Link to Parent View Portal, which seeks parents' opinions on aspects of our school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Governing Body Register of Interests (2022/2023)

This register must

- state the name and category of each governor
- set out any relevant business interests
- set out details of any other educational establishments that they govern
- set out any relationship details between governors and members of staff, including spouses, partners and relatives.

Full Name	Category of Governor	Declarations of Members' Interests: Business, Educational and Personal
Mrs Gill Shaw	Co-opted	None Declared
Mrs Katie Tyrka (Staff Member)	Co-opted	None Declared
Mr Jim Squelch	Co-opted	None Declared
Mrs Mary Sigsworth	Co-opted	None Declared
Mrs Olivia Spilman	Co-opted	Linked by marriage to the neighbouring farm at Sessay
Mr Stephen Brough	Co-opted	None Declared
Rev David Biggs	Foundation	Vicar of local church
Mr Malcolm French	Foundation	None Declared
Mrs Louisa Carolan	Parent	None Declared
Mrs Liz Hebdon	Parent	Family interest in Hebdon and Sons
Miss Fiona Bennett	Headteacher	Executive Headteacher and therefore governor at Hushwaite and Sessay CE Federation
Mrs Trudi Jackson	Staff	None Declared
Miss Laken Robson	Local Authority	None Declared

Each governor has declared their interests as given above in writing to the governing body.

Chair of Governor's signature Louisa Carolan

Date

19th July 2023

Planned review date
