

**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Skelton Newby Hall and Sharow CE
Primary Schools
September 2020**

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of the Skelton Newby Hall and Sharow CE Schools Governing Body are:

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

Governance Arrangements

The governing body of Skelton Newby Hall and Sharow CE Schools was reconstituted in 2012. A copy of the constitution is held by the Clerk.

A broad range of skills is required to contribute to the effective governance and the success of the school. A survey is undertaken annually to confirm that the Governing Body is able to demonstrate a suitable range of skills and if new governors are required that recruitment can reflect specific need.

The governing body has a programme of meetings throughout the school year. It has been agreed that committees will no longer be formed for the general business of the Governing Body. There are some areas requiring specific training for which committees have been agreed.

Attendance record of Governors.

A record is kept by the clerk to the governing body, of governors attendance at meetings, details of attendance can be found on the school web-site.

Meetings need to be 'quorate' in order to ensure that decisions can be made, a definition is contained within the Standing Orders document.

The work we have done on our committees and in the governing body meetings.

During the past year we have recruited new members of staff. We have consolidated the work undertaken by the Headteacher and new leadership team with regard to school improvement and maintaining the ethos.

We have implemented the new vision for the schools in order to guide future direction.

We have developed of a new Nursery provision for Skelton School in order to bring in a new Key Stage 1 cohort and retain the school for future generations.

We have considered and set budgets for each of the schools. These budgets have been examined and discussed at future strategy meetings with NYCC

School Policies are under continual review with a programme of update throughout the year.

We have suffered the effect of Covid 19 (Coronavirus) opening the schools in accordance with government guidance, providing cover for the children of key workers and offering remote learning guidance wherever possible.

The minutes of governing body meetings are held on the Schools web sites for 12 months following the meeting.

Strategic Planning for the future.

We have considered the PAN for Sharow School and propose that this be increased this year allowing it to better serve the community.

We have supported the opening of a Nursery at Skelton which will appeal to the residents of the catchment and those living in adjacent communities.

How to contact the Governing Body.

Information about the governing body is available on the governor's page of the school's web-site. Messages may be left at the Schools offices or letters may be addressed to the School Sites.

The Skelton Newby Hall and Sharow CE School Governing Body Membership

Governor	Position	Category	Term of Office Expiry
Jacqui Palmer	Headteacher	Staff	
James Bradley	Chair	Parent	July 2020
Justin Wheatley	Vice Chair	Co Opted	July 2020
Gemma Snodgrass	Committee	Staff	
Jacqui Whitaker	Committee	Parent	
Lauren	Committee	Co Opted	
Andrew Philpott	Committee	Co Opted	
John Bushell	Committee	Local Authority	
Vacancy		Foundation	
Vacancy		Foundation	
Vacancy		Co Opted	