



ANNUAL REPORT OF GOAT LEES PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY 2017

As this is the first report that you will have received, the information it contains should help you to understand our important role at the school.

Firstly, all Governors, with the exception of the Headteacher, are volunteers. They are unpaid but can claim expenses. The Governing Body is made up of parents, who have volunteered to serve, and other interested people who can contribute because they have experience in particular skills, eg finance, project management, safety or education.

We use a “Circle Model” of management as this seems better for a small school. All Governors sit around the table to discuss issues and decisions are made by the whole Governing Body. We meet six times a year and our meetings are fully minuted by a professional clerk. These minutes can be inspected.

In addition, we have a Strategy Committee which looks in detail at specific topics which are relevant, eg Curriculum changes and staffing. A member of teaching staff sometimes attends to give more detail. The meeting is minuted and the minutes are always on the agenda of the full Governing Body Meeting. The Finance Committee has oversight of the finances and a small sub-Committee deals with staff performance and pay.

Governors are encouraged to attend school events but at other times their visits are planned. These are discussed at meetings and visits, often in pairs, are allied to specific areas of the School Development Plan.

Governors are pleased to meet parents when they are in school.

Training is provided by the Local Authority and Governors have attended but we also have arranged our own bespoke training for Safeguarding.

During 2016 the lack of a room for performance was highlighted and two Governors took a very active role in the design and installation of the Performing Arts Studio.