



## DUNN STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

### GOVERNOR STATEMENT

As the Governing Board of Dunn Street Primary School, we are proud of the improvements in our school this year, particularly the hard work of our teaching staff and students, making our school a welcoming and enjoyable place to learn.

The Governing Board of Dunn Street Primary School works with the Associate & Assistant Head Teachers to promote and maintain high standards of educational achievement. The core functions of the Governing Board are:

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

### **OUR WORK DURING 2018-2019**

The Governing Board have supported the school through the process of recruiting an Associate Head Teacher and the appointment of new KS1 and SEN staff.

The Governing Board continue to support the Associate Head Teacher and Senior Management in monitoring the School Development Plan (SDP).

We have supported the Associate Head Teacher to improve the key priority of attendance. Procedures have been put in place to ensure parents and children are aware of the importance of good attendance.

Governors undertake regular visits to the school allowing for the opportunity to observe and communicate with staff and pupils and these visits are feedback to governors at meetings.

Members of the Governing Board have kept their skills up to date by attending training in various subjects provided by the LA as well as online training.

### **TEACHING & LEARNING**

There have been considerable changes to staffing at Dunn Street, especially in KS1, specifically temporary staff in Reception and Year 2 and an NQT in Year 1. The previous staff members having moved to other schools due to promotions.

With regards to learning:

- the new question curriculum has provided greater challenge to students;
- teachers have worked to share ideas and skills with the teachers of Marine Park and Whitburn Primary;
- lessons are well planned and marking has been reviewed to ensure pupil understanding and motivation is maximised;
- teaching has been standardised so ensuring consistent learning throughout the school.

## **POLICIES**

Policies are regularly reviewed and new policies introduced where appropriate. These can be found on our school website.

## **SAFETY & BEHAVIOUR**

Safeguarding is vital to our school and the staff and governors ensure all procedures are up to date and monitored. Pupil understanding of bullying and E-Safety are regularly updated including who to contact in case of any issue.

## **FINANCE**

The governors have worked alongside the Senior Leaders to ensure money is well spent especially in the context of falling revenue from Central Government.

## **MAIN PRIORITIES FOR 2019-20**

- Maintain and improve and engaging curriculum
- Improve teaching and learning outcomes for children
- To ensure good attendance is encouraged
- To monitor the impact of the new leadership and management structure and also staffing, particularly in KS1
- To ensure good value for money

This governance statement is approved by order of the members of the Governing Board on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 and signed on its behalf by

Jacki Gilmore

Chair of Governors

Alison Burden

Associate Head Teacher