

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE GOVERNING BODY
St Peter's Brafferton C of E (VA) Primary School
Sept 2025

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all Governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of The FGB at St Peter's Brafferton C of E (VA) Primary School 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 well spent**

SCHOOL VISION

As a church school, our vision is for each child to love learning and have hope, confidence, wisdom and respect for all.

'Life in its fullness' (John 10;10)

Small school....big heart!

Governance Arrangements:

The Governing Body of the school was re-constituted in July 2018 and it now made up of: 12 Governors and 2 Associate Governors. 7 Foundation Governors, 2 Staff Governors, 2 Parent Governors and 1 Local Authority Governor and 2 Associate Governors (14)

It Is essential that all Governors should have Knowledge and skills in safeguarding, finance, leadership, monitoring, health and safety, planning and strategic goal setting, in order to contribute to effective governance and the success of the school.

The Governing body has a programme of meetings throughout the school year, and has 1 FGB structure, that focuses on all areas of governance. These meeting are held 7 times a year and each meeting, there is an agreed focus.

Attendance record of Governors:

A record is kept by the clerk to the Governing Body and details of attendance are as shown on the below chart

The work we have done in the Governing Body meetings:

Strategic Planning for the future in order to raise standards and improve outcomes for all pupils, including the continuation of a highly successful Preschool provision, ensure sustainability of the school, with an overall aim of the school achieving a rating of 'outstanding' at the next Ofsted inspection which is due around 2025

How to contact your Governing Body

Chair of Governor contact details

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The St Peters Brafferton Cof E (VA) Primary School Governing body membership:

Please see table below

The School Governors Attendance record 2024-2025

Please see table below

GOVERNORS' ATTENDANCE 2024-2025

Name and category of Gov.	Appointed by	Date Appointed and Term of Office end date (4 year term)	Committee Membership	Position	Business Interests/other educational establishments governed	Relationship between gobs and members of staff	Non attendance at meetings Sep 2024 - July 2025
Virginia Arrowsmith (Parent Gov/associate Gov.)	Parents End of term of office 23.03.19 Now an associate Gov (sept 2019) LEFT JULY 2025	Appointed 21.3.2024 21.03.2028	FGB	Literacy Link	None	None	Sept 2024 Nov 2024 Dec 2024 March 2025
Tom Spilman (Foundation Gov.)	York Diocese in consultation with Parochial Church of Brafferton	Appointed 12.4.2022. 12.4. 2026	FGB	PP	None	None	Nov 2024
Sarah Anderson (Head Teacher)	FGB	N/A	FGB		None	None	
Pete Hambling (Foundation Gov)	York Diocese in consultation with Parochial Church of Brafferton End of term of Office 1.9.2025 Now an Associate Gov (sept 2025)	Appointed 1.9.2021 1.9.2025	FGB	Science Link/Finance	None	None	March 2025
Shirley Sowray (Foundation Gov.)	York Diocese in consultation with Parochial Church of Brafferton	Appointed 1.2.2024 01.02.28	FGB	Chair of Gobs EY Link Wellbeing Link	None	None	Dec 2024
Laura Wise (Foundation Gov.)	York Diocese in consultation with Parochial Church of Brafferton	Appointed 1.12.2022 01.12.2026	FGB/Vice Chair	Numeracy Link	None	None	March 2025
Scott Simpson (Parent Gov)	Nominated by parents, appointed by FGB	Appointed 12.4. 2024 12.4.2028	FGB	Sports Premium	None	None	Sept 2024 Dec 2024 March 2025

Name and cat of Governor	Appointed by:	Term of Office End Date	Committee Membership	Position	Business Interests	Relationship between Govs and staff	Non attendance at meetings
Mike Dennett (Foundation Gov)	York Diocese in consultation with Parochial Church of Brafferton	Appointed 19.11.2020 19.11.2028	FGB	SG Link PHSCE link Website link	None	None	Dec 2024
Sarah Atkinson (Staff Gov)	Nominated by staff, appointed by the FGB	Appointed 1.11.2020 1.11.2028	FGB	SEnCo	None	None	
Geoff Arnott (LA Gov)	Nominated by LA, appointed by FGB	Appointed 1.9.2022 1.9.2026	FGB	H and S Link	None	None	Sept 2024 Dec 2024 March 2025
Anna Blackwell (parent Gov)	Nominated by Parents, appointed by the FGB	Appointed 9.2.2023 9.2.2027	FGB	SEND, Art, DT	None	None	
Katy Cowen (Foundation Gov)	York Diocese in consultation with Parochial Church of Brafferton	Appointed 1.9.2023 1.09.2027	FGB	RE Link Wellbeing Link	None	None	Sept 2024 Dec 2024 Feb 2025
Jim Brown (Associate Gov)	Co-opted by the FGB	Appointed 21.3.24 21.1.2028	FGB	Finance	None	None	Attends at another school
Rev Lottie Cranfield. (Exoficio Gov)	York Diocese in consultation with Parochial Church of Brafferton	Appointed 1.5.24 1.5.2028	FGB	Christan Ethos Music	None	None	Sept 2024 Dec 2024 Feb 2025