



## **Annual Governance Statement**

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## **School Vision/Mission Statement/Aims**

At Cromer Junior School we help every child in our care to flourish.

We teach our children to be:

Aspirational - Healthy - Kind - Hard-Working - Resilient - Happy - Safe Creative - Inquisitive - Individual - Skilful - Knowledgeable

We have a deeply inclusive ethos, valuing the contribution everyone offers to the school community. We work closely with parents, the community and outside agencies to ensure every child has what they need to thrive. We enjoy and celebrate diversity. Our ASD Specialist Resource base and Nest nurture provision make us special.

The Local Governing Body of Cromer Junior School has a strong focus on its three core strategic functions:

- 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, and the performance management of staff; and
- 3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governance arrangements	<ul> <li>Outline how your Local Governing Board is structured:         <ul> <li>Membership – during 22/23 there were 3 Community, 1 Staff, and 3 Parent Governors plus the Head Teacher.</li> <li>Link Governor arrangements – these are allocated at the start of each School Year</li> <li>Meeting structure – No additional Committees, important topics are covered in full Committee at least once per annum</li> <li>Number of meetings – 6 in 22/23</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Attendance record of governors	The majority of Governors have a good to excellent attendance record. The record can be found at <a href="https://www.cromerjunior.org.uk">www.cromerjunior.org.uk</a>
The work that we have done	<ul> <li>Governors continued to work with the Head Teacher in clarifying the aims and ethos of the school and monitoring the overall strategic direction.</li> <li>Quality of education – Governors have closely monitored the development and implementation of the new Cornerstones curriculum and other strands of the curriculum not covered by Cornerstones.</li> <li>Educational performance – Governors prompted discussion around the School's approach to Teacher Assessment in writing in the autumn Term.</li> </ul>

Future plans for the Local Governing Body	<ul> <li>Monitoring – Governors make frequent school visits including book monitoring and lesson observations</li> <li>Safeguarding – Governors monitor safeguarding training and systems throughout the year and ensure the subject is at the top of the LGB agenda.</li> <li>Governors prompted a review of the School Website in order to properly reflect changes in Curriculum Delivery</li> <li>Governors will conduct a Governors SEF to identify areas for improvement. Also the transitions between KS2 and KS3 will continue to be a focus as well as taking a look at the transitions between Year 6 and the Academy.</li> </ul>
How you can contact the Governing Body	We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents. Please contact the Chair of Governors via the school office. You can see the full list of governors; their attendance at meetings; minutes of Local Governing Body meetings and more information about what we do, on the Governors' page of the school website.