

**Annual Governance Statement for the Federated Governing Board of  
St Giles' Great Maplestead & St Andrew's Bulmer  
July 2020**

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all Governing Boards, the 3 core strategic functions of the Federated Governing Board 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.**

<b>Governance arrangements</b>	The Federated Governing Board of St Giles' & St Andrew's C of E (V.C.) Primary Schools is made up of:- Authority (1), Co-opted (4), Foundation Ex-Officio (1), Foundation PCC (2), Parent (2), Staff (1) and The Head (1) – a total of 12 Governors. All categories have been filled and there are, currently no vacancies. (See details of Governor Membership included in this Statement). There are 6 Governing Board Meetings each year.
<b>Attendance record of Governors</b>	Governors have good attendance at meetings. (See details of individual Governors' attendance at meetings included in this Statement).
<b>The work that we have done on our Committees and in the Governing Board</b>	We have had a busy time, with both schools now with 'good' OFSTED gradings we have been able to focus on the vision for both schools and the Federation as a whole. A vision meeting was held at St Andrews with all the staff and Governors from both schools attending. We have restructured how the Governing Board operates by irradiating sub committees and introducing workgroups that are formed according to need, therefore reducing repetition in meetings and enabling us to increase our Full Governing Body meetings from 4 to 6 per year. We have continued to look at increasing intake at St Andrews and have just secured an 'onsite pre-school'. We are very proud of our staff's professional development over the last couple of years. The last 2 terms have been a challenge. With schools closed due to COVID but still needing to provide support and education to all throughout. As Governors we have learnt to meet virtually, for some more of a challenge than others! We have also attended the parents zoom meetings, virtual training/briefings and will continue to support both schools to the best of our ability in these unusual times.
<b>Future plans for the Governors</b>	Apart from supporting the school with any requirement to return to school safely and the well being of all the staff and pupils through this process, we are also continuing to look at options for growing our federation to enable us to flourish and stay financially viable. Now that both schools are thriving, we feel it is time to explore possible options. We are also embedding the Christian values held across the federation. This began with our vision meeting last year and will be an ongoing focus this year.
<b>How you can contact the Governing Board</b>	We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chairman of the Governing Board, Mrs Penny Doe, via the school office at St Giles' or St Andrew's or email <a href="mailto:chair@governors.sgasa.uk">chair@governors.sgasa.uk</a>