The Governance Annual Statement

Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Flagg Nursery School September 2026 to August 2027
As defined by the Maintained school's governance guide Maintained schools governance guide - Guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) the core functions of all governing boards, no matter what type of school or how many schools they govern, have three core functions: • Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; • Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff; and • Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent. In exercising their functions, the governing board shall: • Act with integrity, objectivity, and honesty and in the best interests of the school; and • Be open about the decisions they make and the actions they take and shall be prepared to explain their decisions and actions to interested parties.
The Governing Body of Flagg Nursery School is made up of: • Resource Management Committee • Teaching and Learning Committee • Pay and Performance Committee The Governing Body has a programme of meetings throughout the school year: 3 full governing body meetings, three RMC and 3 TLC meetings and one pay and performance committee meeting. We try to maintain a balance of skills on our Governing Body: Finance, IT, Buildings, Health and Safety, Human Resource management, Law, Education, Safeguarding.
Attendance record of governors A record is kept by the Clerk to the Governing Body of governors' attendance at meetings, details of attendance can be found on page 3. Meetings need to be 'quorate' to ensure that decisions can be made. For a full Governing Body meeting, quorum is half the number of Governors excluding vacancies and for committee meetings quorum is 3 Governors. If governors have been unable to attend meetings but have contributed to the work of the Governing Body, we will include these other contributions.

The work we have done on our committees and in the Governing Body meetings

Last year our Governors visited school regularly to monitor various aspects of school life and school improvement. They carried out visits to monitor the budget, Health and Safety, provision for children with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities), safeguarding, the school improvement plan and to carry out Headteacher performance management. They monitored children's progress and standards of achievement.

Our Governors got involved in the life of the school by attending coffee mornings with the Family Support Worker, events like the Harvest festival and Christmas concert, attending and helping with PTFA events like Easter chocolate bingo, coming along on school trips and helping to organise sports day.

Strategic Planning for the future

The Governing Body agreed on the areas of focus for school improvement this year:

1. Children's communication skills
2. School's use of AI
3. Physical challenge for children
4. Climate education and biodiversity

Our Governors will continue to visit school regularly to monitor various aspects of school life and school improvement. They will carry out visits to monitor the budget, Health and Safety, provision for children with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities), Safeguarding, GDPR, Allergy Management, the School Improvement Plan and to carry out Headteacher performance management. They will also support the Headteacher to ensure that children's progress and standards of achievement are high and hold the head teacher to account for standards in school.

How to contact your Governing Body

Information about the School's Governing Body is available on the governors' page of the school's website: [Governing Body - Flagg Nursery School]

The Flagg Nursery School Governing Body – membership

Governor	Category	Term of office (4 years) & expiry date
Gill Graham	Co-opted	20/10/2028
Ian Daniel	Co-opted	15/06/2027
Helen Woodruff	Staff	03/03/2028
Helen Brittain-Cartlidge	Co-opted	17/03/2030
Sarah Brown	Ex-officio	N/A
Tom Osborn	Parent	01/05/2029
Susan Tucker	LA	04/10/2026
Katie Edwards	Co-opted	01/04/2029
Hannah Carter-Wood	Parent	21/04/2030
Kate Pogmore	Co-opted	31/04/2028
Roger McCabe	Co-opted	To commence Autumn 2026
Jenny Swarbrick	Co-opted	01/09/2029

The Flagg Nursery School Governors' Attendance record from September 2025 to August 2026

Governor	% attendance of Full Governing Board and Committee meetings
Gill Graham	67%
Ian Daniel	100%
Helen Woodruff	100%
Helen Brittain-Cartlidge	50%
Sarah Brown	100%
Tom Osborn	67%
Susan Tucker	100%
Katie Edwards	50% (maternity leave)
Hannah Carter-Wood	100%
Kate Pogmore	67%
Jenny Swarbrick	83%
Roger McCabe	Joining in 2627