



Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Board of King Edward VI Community College Summer 2020

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of the KEVICC Governing Board are to:

1. Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and ensuring its money is well spent.

Governance Arrangements

The Governing Body comprises of:

- 5 Parent Governors, selected by election (or by appointment if insufficient people stand).
- 5 Co-opted Governors, appointed by the governors to represent local community interests.
- 2 Foundation Governors, appointed on the basis of the skills they will bring to the board and with a particular purpose to safeguard the character of the school and ensure it is conducted in accordance with the founding documents.
- 1 Local Authority Governor appointed by the Local Authority (LA). The Governor is a representative of the LA.
- 1 Staff Governor, selected by election from teachers & support staff at the school.
- 1 Head Teacher Governor.

The full Governing Board meets once each term and we also have a number of committees to consider different aspects of the school in detail.

Standards Committee

The remit of the Standards Committee includes:

- Ensuring that the KEVICC is inclusive and complies with the statutory requirement to provide a balanced and broad-based curriculum for all of its students.
- Ensuring that our students flourish by monitoring and reviewing policies, procedure and data relating to: safeguarding, SEND, disadvantaged students, high attaining and talented students, boys/girls, behaviour, attendance, teaching and learning, achievement and the progress of students throughout the school. This involves accompanying subject/school leaders on learning walks and conducting audits.

Operations Committee

The Committee's fundamental purpose is to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of the resources that the College needs in providing education to all pupils within a comfortable and safe environment and to encourage efficiency in how that provision is made.

The key resources that the College needs are staff, finance and premises and the Committee's remit extends to catering, cleaning and health and safety for all who attend the College's sites. The day to day management of all the College's activities rests with the Senior Leadership Team under the direction of the Principal, assisted by the Business and Finance Director (BFD). It is the Governing Board's role to set the strategic context in which management operates and, through the Operations Committee, to monitor progress of the College toward its long-term aims and against sector benchmarks and to review the College's compliance with legal regulations.

During the year, the Committee has reviewed HR dashboards, health and safety dashboards and financial reports. The Committee also scrutinised the Budget for next financial year together with the planned actions

necessary to achieve the financial outcome it believes will be approved by the Governing Board and also be acceptable to the Local Education Authority (LEA).

Site Development

This Committee's objective is the strategic management of the College buildings and estate to meet the needs of the school now and in the future, in line with the overall vision of the College.

Pay & Performance

This committee ensures appropriate arrangements are in place for linking appraisal to pay consistently across the workforce, annually reviewing staff salaries, makes decisions in respect of recommended pay increases and monitors outcomes of pay decisions.

Attendance record of Governors

Governors have excellent attendance at meetings and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not "quorate" (i.e. the number of governors needed to ensure legal decisions are made). Attendance records are shared on our College website at www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk in the 'About Us' – 'Governors' section. . Governors' oversight was maintained through the lock-down period by online meetings.

Governor Visits and Learning Walks

As well as regular Full Governing Board and Committee meetings, Governors' scrutiny of the College is exercised through visits to the school. Governors have links to departments and specific areas of interest. Each visit is reported to all other Governors.

Our Impact

OFSTED reported in June 2019 that "Governors are astute in their knowledge of the school. They are challenging leaders appropriately to ensure that further improvement takes place."

The Standards Committee has overseen improvements in academic outcomes for students, the Operations Committee has ensured prudent and effective management of resources, and the Site Development Committee is reviewing the potential for improvements that will ensure the continued success of the college. Even through the extraordinary challenges of this past year, Governors' challenge and support for the Principal and his colleagues is helping the College to live up to the vision set by the Full Governing Board. "A comprehensive college of lifelong learners. We are inclusive, kind and committed to the best for our students, supporting them to flourish."

Governing Board meeting minutes

These are available to view on the College website at www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk in the 'About Us' – 'Governors' section.

How you can contact the Governing Board

The Clerk to the Governors, Yvette Elliott, can be contacted by emailing GovClerk@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk

KEVICC Governing Board

Governor	Role	Category	End of Term of Office
Jim Lodge	Chair	Local Authority	17/09/2022
Michael Young	Committee Chair	Foundation	18/09/2021
Julian Carnell	Committee Chair	Parent	27/06/2022
Karen Sewell	Committee Chair	Co-opted	15/10/2022
Alan Salt	Principal	Ex-Officio	N/A
Wendy Ormsby		Co-opted	06/12/2020
Gillian Healey		Co-opted	16/07/2023
Andrew Waterman		Co-opted	15/12/2023
Laura Hetherington		Parent	16/07/2022
Helen Beetham		Parent	11/10/2022
Jon Rae		Parent	18/03/2023
Louise Darvid		Parent	16/10/2023
James Hartridge		Staff	20/12/2022
Vacancy		Foundation	
Vacancy		Co-opted	