



**Biddick Hall Junior School**

## **Governors' Annual Report**

### **Annual Statement of Key Issues Addressed by Governors**

The Governing Board of Biddick Hall Junior School works with school leaders to promote and maintain high standards of educational achievement. The Governing Board have prioritised the following key issues during the year. Our role is to provide the strategic direction of the school and to assist the senior team in continuing to improve the standards and quality of our provision.

1. **Safeguarding and Safety:** This is our single most important duty. We have reviewed all of our policies and procedures in this area. We have welcomed Operation Encompass and Kidsafe: our senior team now confidentially receives information about domestic violence where our pupils have been affected.

**Impact:** Governors and the senior team promote a caring and safe environment; Operation Encompass and Kidsafe support us to do this for all pupils.

2. **Improving Outcomes for Pupils:** We have challenged the senior team to continue to improve outcomes for all pupils.

**Impact:** Progress for pupils continues to be improve. Our KS2 SAT combined results were above national and LA averages in 2016. Parents have played an important role in this success; they have been involved in school life e.g. at the Bikers' Breakfast , fayres after school, sports day , coffee mornings and parents evenings.

3. **Leadership and Management:** The head teacher of Biddick Hall Junior school was seconded as an executive head to Toner Avenue School in Hebburn till they appointed a new Head Teacher to start in September 2016.

**Impact:** The Executive Head teacher has successfully introduced a new broader, stimulating and more challenging curriculum and a system for assessment without levels. Toner's data shows year-on-year improvement across all 3 key stages. External moderation of Year 2 assessment in June 2016 shows secure judgements by our teaching staff. Middle and senior leaders have monitored teaching, learning and assessment robustly,

continually seeking areas for improvement and development. The school's SEF and SDP accurately identify and address the school's development needs.

4. **Improving outcomes for disadvantaged and SEN pupils:** Governors, with the senior team, have continually and very robustly monitored the progress of PP and SEN pupils. Interventions are carefully planned to challenge pupils appropriately and the impact monitored.

**Impact:** KS2 combined SAT results in reading, writing and maths show that pupils have benefited from quality first teaching and targeted intervention.

5. **Responding to National Education Policy Reforms:** Throughout the last academic year, there have been many changes to national policies in education. Governors, have ensured that the school meets all statutory requirements. Changes have included the promotion of British Values and the importance of the Prevent agenda.

**Impact:** Biddick Hall Junior School meets its statutory requirements.

6. **Governor Monitoring and Evaluation:** Governors regularly receive reports on the school from the Head teacher and the LA.

**Impact:** Governors fully support the work of the school and are able to monitor and evaluate the school.

7. **Overseeing the Financial Performance of the School:** Governors have worked with the school to ensure continued achievement of the Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS). We utilise regular budget monitoring reports to enable us to challenge how spending is aligned with the school budget thus ensuring solvency and probity, and ensuring financial resources were used effectively. Governors also monitored how the Pupil Premium and Sports funding was being used.

**Impact:** The budget is managed effectively and financial resources are used appropriately. An external review of Pupil Premium this year showed effective use of our funding.

8. **Holding the senior team to account:** A critical part of the governors' role is to support and challenge the senior team of the school. We did this through regular contact, visits, meetings and the work of our committees. There is a strong and robust relationship between governors and the senior team.

**Impact:** Governors have a strong working knowledge of the school and alongside external quality assurance, have great confidence in the senior team.

**Chair of Governors:** Evelyn Winship.

**Vice Chair of Governor:** Mark Midgely

## BIDDICK HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL

### **Composition of the Governing Board**

- 3 parent governors
- 1 head teacher
- 1 staff governor
- 1 local authority governor
- 6 co-opted governors

### **Committees of the Governing Board**

Staffing  
Pay Review  
Disciplinary/Complaints  
Appeals  
Disciplinary (Pupils)  
Finance

### **Chair of Governors**

Miss E Winship

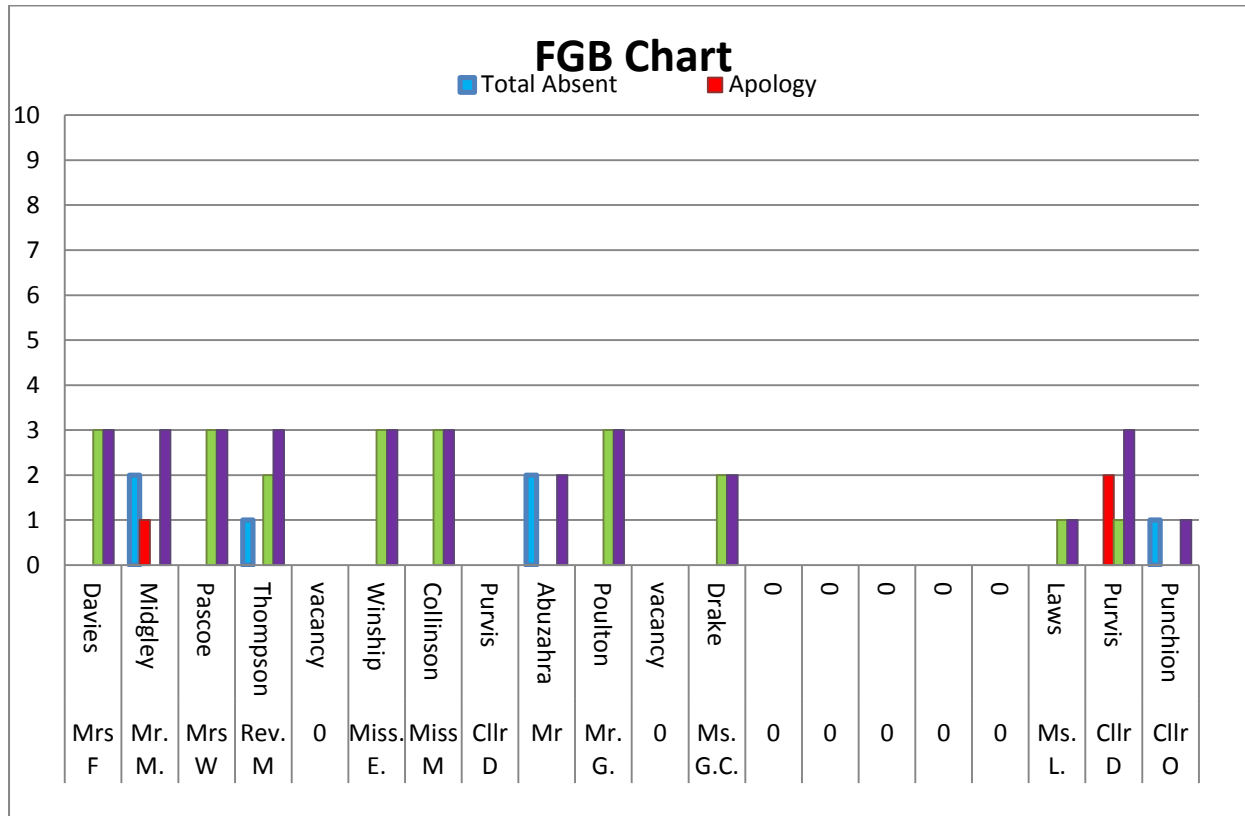
### **Vice Chair of Governors**

Mr MJ Midgley

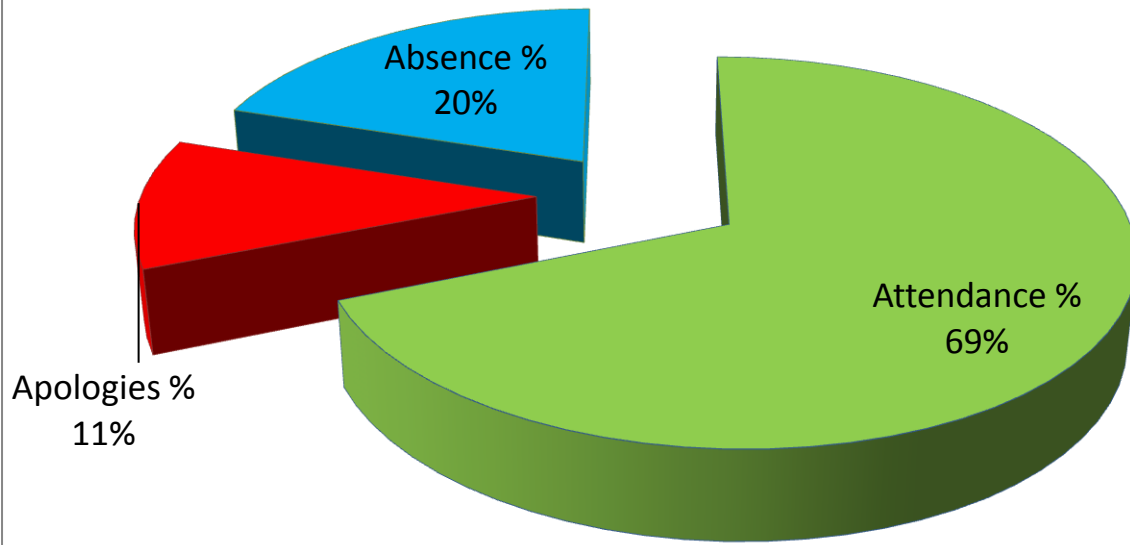
<b>Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Appointing Body</b>	<b>Terms of Office</b>	<b>Committees (if associate member has voting rights)</b>	<b>Official responsibility</b>
Mrs Faye Davies	Co-opted	Governing Board	08-Jul-2015 – 07-Jul-2019		
Mr Mark James Midgley	Co-opted	Governing Board	08-Jul-2015 – 07-Jul-2019		Vice Chair of the Governing Board
Mrs Wendy Dawn Pascoe	Co-opted	Governing Board	08-Jul-2015 – 07-Jul-2019		Child Protection governor
Rev Mervyn Thompson	Co-opted	Governing Board	08-Jul-2015 – 07-Jul-2019		
Miss Evelyn Winship	Co-opted	Governing Board	08-Jul-2015 – 07-Jul-2019		Chair of the Governing Board
Vacancy	Co-opted				
Mrs Michelle Collinson	Head teacher	By virtue of appointment	01-Sep-2009 -		
Cllr Doreen Purvis	LEA	Local Authority	19-May-2016 – 18 May 2020		
Mr Mohammed Abuzahra	Parent	Appointed by the Board	06-Nov-2015 – 05-Nov-2019		
Mr Graham Poulton	Parent	Parents	12-Nov-2013 – 11-Nov-2016		
Vacancy	Parent				
Gillian Drake	Staff	Staff	11-12-2015 – 10-12-2019		
Vacancy	Parent	Parent/Governing Board			
<b>Ms L B Laws</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>12-Dec-2011 – 12-Dec-2015</b>		
<b>Cllr Olive Punchion</b>	<b>LEA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>08-Jul-2015 – 16-Nov 2015</b>		

Cllr Doreen Purvis	Co-opted	Governing Board	08-Jul-2015 – 18 May-2016 Change of Status see LEA		
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Attendance 2015/16

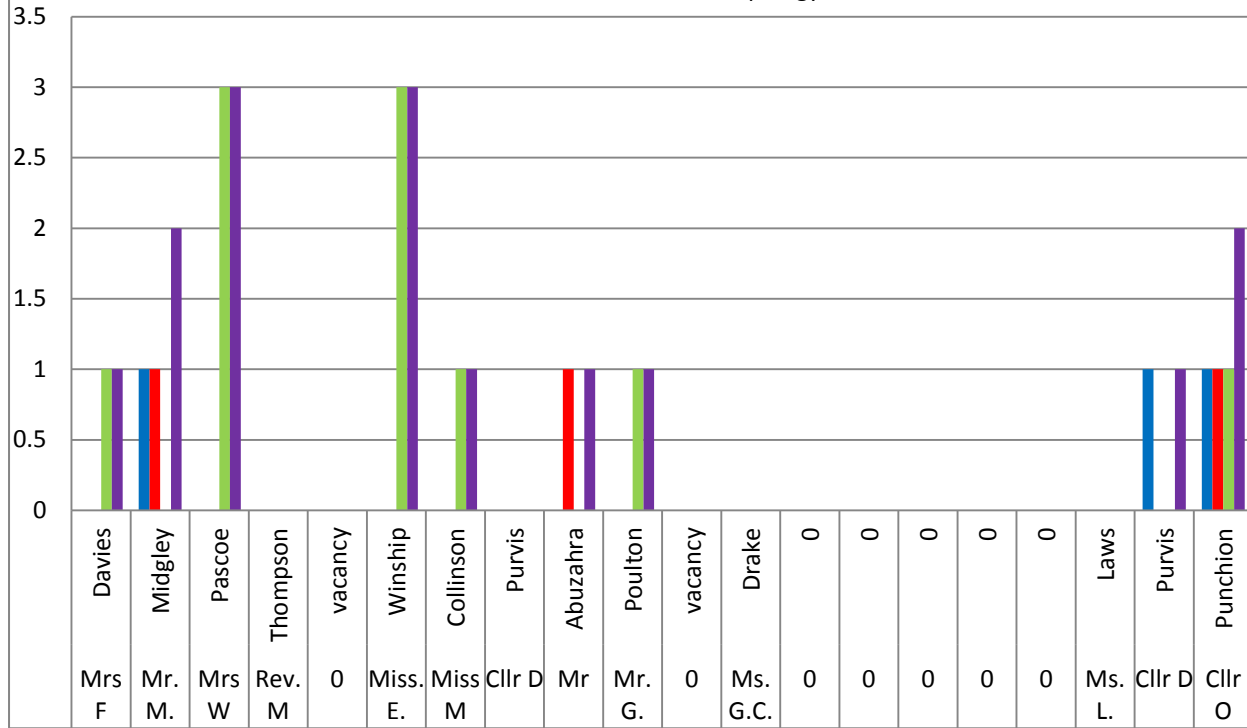


### Total GB Attendance



# Committees Chart

■ Total Absent ■ Apology





## REGISTER OF GOVERNOR INTERESTS

### BIDDICK HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Name	Position	Nature of Interest	Date Interest Registered	Date Interest Ceased	Notes
Mrs Faye Davies	Co-opted				
Mr Mark James Midgley	Co-opted				
Mrs Wendy Dawn Pascoe	Co-opted				
Cllr Doreen Purvis	Co-opted				
Rev Mervyn Patrick Thompson	Co-opted				
Miss Evelyn Winship	Co-opted				
Mrs Michelle Collinson	Head teacher				
Mr Mohammed Abuzahra	Parent				
Ms G Drake	Staff				
Mr Graeme Poulton	Parent				

Date of Review: \_\_\_\_\_