Cornerstone Schools Annual Governors' Statement July 2023

"Building Futures with Love.'

Governors September 2022 – July 2023

Name	Type of Governor	Current term of office expires
Kirstie Petch	Headteacher	Ongoing (Ex Officio)
Corinne Bell	Co-opted	01/03/2027
Susannah Bateman	Foundation	31/08/2026
Barbara Whittle	Foundation	03/05/2026
Simon Collins	Parent	19/12/2023
Jean Lang	Co-opted and current Chair	17/11/2025
Wendy Arrowsmith	Co-opted	18/01/2026
Jackie Brinicombe	Co-opted	21/03/2027
Kirsti Hume	Staff Governor	28/09/2026
Alan Gledhill	Foundation	Resigned 10/09/23
Alison Cozens	Associate Foundation Governor	

Governors who left office during the year

Name	Type of Governor	Current term of office expires
Terry Cane	Co-opted Chair	Resigned 18/2/23
Rev. David Bartlett	Ex.Officio	Term ended 17/02/2023
Andrew Heney	Parent	Term ended 17/05/2023
Andrew Weighman	Staff	Term ended 31/03/2023

Clerk to the Governors: Louise Flanagan North Yorkshire County Council
Governor training

During the academic year Governors attended various training events, face to face, online and e-learning modules.

Training undertaken by Governors: September 2022 to July 2023

- Safer Recruitment
- PREVENT training
- Keeping Children Safe in Education
- Curriculum training
- Culture of safeguarding in school
- E-safety
- Preparation for SIAMS inspection
- Pupils with SEND

Church Distinctiveness Group

Barbara Whittle	Foundation Governor
Susannah Bateman	Foundation Governor
Alan Gledhill	Foundation Governor
Kirstie Petch	Executive Head
Alison Cozens	Associate Foundation Governor
Kirsti Hume	Acting Deputy Head

The Church Distinctiveness group is a sub-committee of the Local Governing Body and has the following roles:

1. To oversee the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the school with particular regard to the SIAMS framework and the schools' foundation as a Church of England group of schools
2. To ensure that the schools fulfil their duties with regard to the promotion of our values which include fundamental British, Christian and school values, and guards against the dangers of extremism and radicalization.
3. To review policy and provision for collective worship and RE and to make recommendations.

It is our role as Governors to follow the 3 recognised core functions of governance, namely:

1. Ensuring the 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. Oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure that money is well spent. (As part of the academy regulations much of this particular responsibility is undertaken by the Dales Trust Board)

Following an internal review of governance by a task group including the Executive Head, a governors' action plan was put together focusing on the following priorities:

1. To ensure policies, strategic documents and the website reflect the Cornerstone vision.
2. To strengthen monitoring of evidence of preparation of pupils for life in modern Britain including tolerance and respect for people of all faiths.
3. Ensure that all governors receive induction which includes understanding of the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school.
4. To ensure that governors have the skills and knowledge to monitor progress of pupils in the foundation subjects.
5. To strengthen monitoring of staff performance.
6. To strengthen financial monitoring of the delegated budget.

To support us in our work we have established a programme of allocating link governors to monitor aspects of our work and curriculum subjects. This linking of Governors also includes the development priorities in the school development plan. Governors also visit school to attend activities such as collective worship, performances and sporting events.

Link Governors 2022 – 2023

Corinne Bell	SEND/ History
Susannah Bateman	Mathematics/Science/RE
Barbara Whittle	Health and Safety/Finance/Geography/RE
Simon Collins	Safeguarding
Jean Lang	English/Curriculum
Wendy Arrowsmith	Early years/phonics
Jackie Brinicombe	Marketing

Governors meetings are held every half term; each meeting is planned and focused, the minutes of the meetings are taken by an independent clerk and are available on our website.

Other documents available from the Governor's section of the school website:

- Governor(s) profile
- Register of business and pecuniary interests

Jean E Lang Chair of Governors September 2023

How to contact the governing body:

Email the Chair of Governors admin@ravensworth.dalesmat.org For the attention of the Chair of Governors or leave a message/letter at your nearest school.

Attendance: September 2022 to July 2023

Governor	Number of meetings attended this year (6 per year)
Kirstie Petch	6/6 100%
Barbara Whittle	6/6 100%
Corinne Bell	5/6 83%
Susannah Bateman	6/6 100%
Alan Gledhill	5/6 83%
Simon Collins	3/6 50%
Terry Cane	3/3 100%
Jean Lang	6/6 100%
Wendy Arrowsmith	4/6 67%
Jackie Brinicombe	2/3 67%
Kirsti Hume	4/6 67%

Governors who left the LGB during the year

Governor	Number of meetings attended this year (6 per year)
Terry Cane	3/3 100%
Rev. David Bartlett	0/2
Andrew Heney	0/6
Andrew Weighman	3/4 75%