

September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Grange Primary School Governors' page. The Governors use this page to provide information about ourselves and our role within the school.

With very best wishes,

David Faulkner

Chair of Governors

Co-Opted Governors are appointed from the community. Parent Governors are elected Governors are involved in subject monitoring in conjunction with the school curriculum subject leaders, as well as have a responsibility for key areas such as Health and Safety and Safeguarding. Governors usually meet twice a term. Additional governor committees focussing on areas such as Performance Management or Disciplinary matters also meet when required.

The Governing Body consists of the following people in 2026/2027:

Mr David Faulkner (Co-Opted and Chair) term expires 01/01/2029

Mrs Maggie Elfenich (Headteacher)

Mr Mike Haxell (Parent and Vice Chair) term expires 01/11/2028

Mrs Louise Hayward (Staff) term expires 01/11/2028

Mr Alex Black (Co-Opted) term expires 06/02/2029

Mrs Christine Creek (Co-opted) term expires 01/07/2029

Mrs Laura Hand (Co-Opted) term expires 15/05/2028

Mr Nick Joyce (Local Authority) term expires 01/11/2028

Vacancy (Parent) 4 year term

The following is an annual governance statement for the period 2026-2027:

In accordance with Government requirements for all Governing Bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of the Grange Primary School Governing Body are:

- Ensure clarity of Vision. Ethos and Strategic direction,
- Hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils,
- Oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its budget is well spent

The Governing Body of Grange Primary School is made up of 9 members and meets twice a term to review an agenda of various matters. The attendance record of the governors at those 6 annual meetings is in a separate attachment. A record of Governor Business Interests which are signed annually by each governor, can be found in the school office are also posted on the school website.

In the past 7 years, Grange Primary School has gone from one that was struggling to perform, to one that is judged “good” by Ofsted at the last inspection in 2023. There are also some outstanding elements that Ofsted recognised. Children and staff enjoy the school experience, and under the strong leadership of Mrs Elfenich and her deputy averages), and governors are proud to see the children progress at our school.

In terms of safeguarding at our school, Mr David Faulkner is the nominated Safeguarding Governor. Mrs Elfenich, who is the Designated Safeguarding lead, advises governors of any issues that have arisen at our twice a term meetings. We have an agenda item at each meeting that discusses the management and implementation of the school budget which is prepared annually and approved by the Governing Body. There is a great responsibility to spend public money wisely and we have a small surplus position, due to the balancing of the budget over the past few years. The Governing Body is provided with a comprehensive report that details all spending and any deviations to the budget that is set once a year.

Regarding Health and Safety, one governor carries out a termly inspection of the premises with our Site Manager. Over the past 5 years we have managed to upgrade the site with areas such as Windows, Perimeter Fencing, Solar Panels and Lighting all be replaced or upgraded. We are also always grateful to the school Parent Association that raises money money to spend on those “extra” needs that we have.

The Governing Body discusses key data and results of pupil attainment and progress, so that we are sure the school is on track to fulfil ambitious targets for all our pupils. We regularly monitor the progress of our more disadvantaged pupils and those with Special Educational Needs. We also look at how extra pupil funding such as Pupil Premium is spent on those pupils that need it and how it contributes to their well-being, learning and development.

Governors consistently review and agree school policies throughout the year, many based upon Local Authority and Department for Education guidance. Whenever it is appropriate, pupils and parents are consulted about policies and amendments.

Governing Body meeting minutes (apart from confidential items) are public documents and can be viewed by asking at the school office.

n 2026/2027, the governor priorities include:

- Ensuring that our children receive a high quality education in a nurturing and supportive environment, in accordance with our core values
- Continue to monitor the levels of progress and attainment across the school
- Continue to monitor the school's performance against the recommendations by Ofsted and the annual school improvement plan
- Monitor that attendance levels continue to be better than national averages across the country
- Support the school by monitoring its core strengths in Maths and Early Years and ensure areas such as Grammar/Spelling improve

Should you wish to contact the Governing Body, please address your correspondence to David Faulkner, via the school office.