

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

SAMPLE STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT FOR GOVERNING BODIES

The governing body may wish to consider the following statement as a possible model on which to base their own statement of commitment to the school.

..... School is a Church of England School whose mission statement focuses on The governing body accepts responsibility for the policies and procedures of the School and for ensuring that they are regularly reviewed in accordance with its strategic role. The governing body recognises that the headteacher has responsibility for the internal organisation, day-to-day management and control of the school.

Governors of this School will:

- attend meetings regularly and punctually;
- work together as a team;
- accept collective responsibility for the decisions made by the governing body and its committees;
- speak on behalf of the governing body only where they have been authorised to do so by the governing body;
- not discuss any confidential items outside the governing body;
- respect the professional knowledge and experience of the headteacher and teaching staff;
- accept a fair share of the workload by involving themselves in the work of at least one committee;
- endeavour to understand how the school works by undertaking to visit the school in accordance with the governors' visits policy;
- actively pursue the School's interests.

The Governing Body will:

- seek to develop effective partnerships with the headteacher, staff, parents, local community, local church and Diocesan Board of Education and LA;
- ensure that the School is conducted in accordance with its Christian ethos;
- welcome new governors and ensure that they have an opportunity to meet with the headteacher and chair of governors;
- seek out opportunities to praise staff and celebrate the School's achievements;
- take an interest in the welfare of all staff and pupils;
- seek appropriate advice, where necessary, before taking action;
- take its own development and training needs seriously;
- ensure that all governors are treated equally and encouraged to contribute;
- conduct its business efficiently and in accordance with the relevant regulations and guidance and any standing orders determined by the Governing Body;
- act, at all times, in accordance with the Nolan principles for standards in public life, ie, with selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

This Statement was agreed by the Governing Body of School at its meeting on All new governors will be given a copy of this Statement on appointment to the Governing Body. It will be reviewed on