

## ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

### GOVERNANCE STATEMENT for the year ended 31 August 2016

#### Scope of Responsibility

As Governors, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that St Mary's Church of England Junior School Academy Trust has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. However, such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Governing Body has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between St Mary's Church of England Junior School Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Governing Body any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

#### Governance

The information of governance included here supplements that described in the Governors' report and in the statement of Governors' responsibilities. The Full Governing Body has formally met seven times during the year to 31 August 2016. Attendance during this period at Full meetings of the Governing Body was as follows:

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Name	Position	Term of Office
<b>Diane Perry-Yates</b>	Chair of Governors Community Governor  Email: <a href="mailto:chairofgovs@stmarysjunior.co.uk">chairofgovs@stmarysjunior.co.uk</a>	20/05/13 to 19/05/17  Attended 100% of full governing body meetings in the past year.
<b>Jenny Melling</b>	Vice-Chair of Governors Parent Governor	22/01/14 to 21/01/18  Attended 100% of full governing body meetings in the past year.
<b>Alison Cullum</b>	Principal Governor	Ongoing  Attended 100% of full governing body meetings in the past year.
<b>Andrew Hughes</b>	Staff Governor Assistant Headteacher	07/07/15 to 06/07/19  Attended 100% of full governing body meetings in the past year.
<b>Kendra Collier</b>	Staff Governor Assistant Headteacher	09/12/14 to 08/12/18  Attended 100% of full governing body meetings in the past year.

<b>Maria Adcock</b>	Foundation Governor	20/04/16 to 19/04/20  Attended 100% of full governing body meetings in the past year.
<b>Alan Quinton</b>	Parent Governor	05/11/13 to 04/11/17  Attended 75% of full governing body meetings in the past year.
<b>Revd Heather Wilcox</b>	Foundation Governor	21/06/12 to 20/06/16  Attended 87.5% of full governing body meetings in the past year.
<b>Julie Adams</b>	Foundation Governor	21/06/12 to 20/06/16  Attended 100% of full governing body meetings in the past year.
<b>Phil Paddon</b>	Parent Governor	05/07/15 to 04/07/19  Attended 87.5% of full governing body meetings in the past year.

Diane Perry-Yates was reappointed Chair on 20 September 2016

The largest challenge presented to the Governors during the year has been the continued need to operate the Academy within a 'balanced budget'.