

**The Park Federation Academy Trust**

**Wood End Park Academy**

**Annual Governance Statement 2016/17**

<b>Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Wood End Park Academy 2016/17</b>	
The Academy Council is:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ To be accountable to parents/carers and the academy's local community;</li><li>➤ To actively listen to the views and opinions of the children, their parents and staff colleagues so that it can shape the academy's services to the needs of the families;</li><li>➤ To fully implement the federation's vision, strategy and policies while remaining sensitive to the circumstances and needs of its particular academy;</li><li>➤ To account for the performance of the academy, including its academic and financial performance;</li><li>➤ To be the voice of the academy in the federation as a whole.</li></ul>	
<b>Governance arrangements</b>	<p>The Academy Council at Wood End Park Academy is the Local Governing Body of the academy and works in collaboration with the Board of Directors at The Park Federation Academy Trust to ensure that the children have an excellent education and are kept safe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Academy Council Structure: Nine Governors Three elected Parent Governors Three Co-opted Governors Three Staff Governors, including the Principal</li><li>• Our three Co-Opted Governors bring a wealth of knowledge and skills to the group: Mr Deepaman Prabhakar: Chartered Management Accountant Mr Manish Ladwa: Finance Professional Mr Nevin Abraham: Data Analyst</li><li>• We have Academy Council meetings each half term and a joint annual event with the Academy Councils from all The Park Federation's academies. We have a Data Committee to oversee progress and attainment.</li><li>• As we are part of a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT), we do not have to have the usual committee structure of a stand-alone school. The Central Trust team of back-office professionals service the Academy Council which means that much of the preparatory work which is normally done in committees is not necessary. Moreover, the MAT's Board of Directors and committees are responsible for some duties that normally fall on a Governing Body in a community school.</li></ul>
<b>Attendance record of governors</b>	Please see the Governance section on the academy's website.

<p><b>The work that we have done on our committees and in the governing body</b></p>	<p>A key responsibility of the Academy Council is to co-write with the Principal and her senior team the Annual Academy Development Plan. In 2016/17 we focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving Reading attainment and progress, particularly across Key Stage 2; exceeding the national averages in other subjects</li> <li>• Improving the progress pupils make across Key Stage 1</li> <li>• Continuing to narrow the gaps between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged</li> </ul> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Academy Council has taken a strong and active strategic role in the development of Wood End Park Academy in 2016/17. We have focused on the successful completion of the main objectives in the Annual Academy Development Plan, and have held the Principal and her team to account for quality of teaching, progress, attainment and safeguarding.</li> <li>• We hold the Principal account by: Scrutiny of her performance and the academy’s performance through demanding questioning at meetings Careful reading of all reports provided by the academy and subsequent questioning in light of these reports Challenging the academic results of the academy reported in national data reports from organisations such as Ofsted and the Department for Education Always asking, how could the teaching and academic standards be even better? Questioning and challenging her about safeguarding and the children’s general welfare Playing an active part with the MAT’s Chief Executive Officer in her performance management.</li> <li>• We ensure strong and effective financial management through reviewing the monthly finance reports received from the MAT, regularly questioning at meetings the Chief Operating Officer of the MAT who has general oversight of finance, and playing a part in planning the annual budget statement and monitoring the use of the budget during the year. In addition, the MAT’s Finance and Operations Committee has strategic oversight of Wood End Park Academy’s budget. On an annual basis the academy’s accounts are independently audited.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Future plans for the governors</b></p>	<p>The Academy Council is looking forward to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving outcomes for our Afghan pupils</li> <li>• Ensuring more disadvantaged pupils exceed in core subjects</li> <li>• Ensuring progress of middle ability pupils is on par with other ability groups</li> <li>• Improving Reading attainment and progress in all year groups.</li> </ul>

**How you can contact the governing body**

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of the Academy Council, Mr Deepaman Prabhakar, via the academy office. You can see the full list of Governors and more information about what we do, on the Governance section of the academy website.

