Governance snapshot: Ten key governance activities in 2024-2025

As the Governing body, we have three main statutory duties: to ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; to hold leaders to account; and to ensure value for money. The tables below show ten key activities we undertook as a governing body in the 2024-25 school year, with a comment on their impact.

Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction	• We discussed school performance, progress and key challenges with the Head Teacher and school leaders regularly, focused on the 6 Full Governing Body meetings each year. • We engaged with parents and the community – in school and at community events. • We developed a new risk management framework and considered long-term strategic options for the Federation. • Governors regularly engaged with Hampshire County Council, inspection advisory services, and with other school governors from across the county.
Holding leaders to account	• We maintained a constant focus on safeguarding and on attendance - reviewing policies, procedures and practice and working closely with the school. • Our Standards committee met every term to scrutinize progress against the schools' improvement priorities. • We regularly scrutinized performance, progress, provision for children with special educational needs; behaviours and values, and extra-curricular activities. • Governors frequently visited school – in formal and informal visits, to see the school in action and to talk to staff and pupils.
Ensuring value for money	• Our Resources committee met with school leaders 5 times across the year, to review budgets and spending against forecasts. • We supported the review and submission of acceptable school budgets, prepared robustly and submitted on time.

School leaders have successfully delivered a stimulating and varied curriculum and offer to the children.

Budget and finances at both schools are in good condition.

The profile of both schools has been raised through more extensive marketing.