

Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Kea School Autumn 2025

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of the Governing Body of Kea School are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
2. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

About Our School

The school is situated on the outskirts of Truro near the village of Playing Place. There are 192 children on roll and there are 7 classes. The 31 staff include the headteacher, assistant headteacher, teachers, teaching assistants and school administrator and school secretary. A number of these members of staff are part time and two are agency staff. The school has a caring and supportive ethos, and the academic and personal development of each child is the main priority. The school retained its grading as Good in the inspection of Summer 2024. The complimentary report can be found on the website.

Governing Body Constitution

The governing body is made up of two staff governors (including the headteacher), two elected parent governors, one local authority governor and six co-opted governors. Co-opted governors are appointed by the governing body and are people who, in the opinion of the governing body, have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. On our governing body, the co-opted governors are members of the local community.

Attendance

Governors' attendance at meetings is good. You will be able to see the full list of governors on the school website and in the governors' newsletters throughout the academic year.

Governing Body Structure

The full governing body meet at least once a term. The chair, finance governor, LFS technician, headteacher and school administrator meet once every half term to monitor the school's budget. The personnel committee meet annually in the autumn term to review staff pay and appointments. Full governing body meetings are minuted by our clerk and the finance meetings are minuted by the school administrator. Minutes are available from the school office on request.

Effectiveness and Impact of The Governing Body

Kea offers a broad and rich curriculum, and each governor has a specific responsibility within the school that relates to the school improvement plan. Governors consider the intentions of the curriculum, how it is implemented and the impact it has on the pupils. We monitor our “vulnerable groups” of children and have discussed how the Pupil Premium grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has on their outcomes. Governors are responsible for overseeing the maintenance and development of the school premises and make decisions about how the school should use the budget. There is a health and safety governor who conducts termly checks of the premises and supplies a written report to the governing body. Governors ensure the safety and well-being of the children, and we have a nominated governor for safeguarding who supports school leaders and monitors the impact of safeguarding policies and procedures.

Governance Action Plan/Monitoring Key Objectives for 25/26

To be read in conjunction with the school improvement plan.

- All teaching to be at least ‘good ’with a high proportion of ‘outstanding’ teaching throughout the school.
- To ensure clear and consistently presented overviews for each subject ensuring full National Curriculum coverage.
- Continue to raise standards throughout the school, across all subjects, maximise progress for all children. To consider where catch up is required and ensure provision is in place to do so.
- Increased inclusion for all pupils. Ensure provision in place in all classes for personal, social and emotional (PSE) support. Additionally, ensuring provision for pupils with SEND is reflected through the entire curriculum.

Governors continue to monitor standards and policies are regularly updated. Regular observations and visits by governors take place and reports are maintained on the website.

Contact Us

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents. You can contact the chair of governors, Jan Allen, via the school office.