

Governance Statement

Scope of Responsibility

As trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that White Woods Primary 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 Board of Directors has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Chief Executive Officer, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls confirm 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 White Woods Primary Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Directors any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Directors Report and in the Statement of Directors Responsibilities. The Board of Directors has formally met 7 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meeting was as follows:

Director	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
A Richards	6	7
M Jennings	6	7
A Bradbury (resigned 31 December 2015)	1	1
M Moody	6	7
J Turner (appointed 11 March 2016)	2	2
P Marshall (appointed 11 March 2016)	1	2

Given the recent/planned expansion of the Trust, the existing Directors recognised a need for additional representation at Board level. Two additional directors have been appointed with a strong education background. Both appointments, Philip Marshall and Julie Turner, have been made on the basis of their skill and expertise in mainstream and early education.