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## Governance Overview

South Hetton Primary School is proud to be a member of Tudhoe Learning Trust. Governance within the Trust is the responsibility of the Board of Directors, who have chosen to delegate some of their powers in relation to governance to the school's Local Governing Body.

The Local Governing Body comprises of governors elected by parents, governors elected by staff, the Head Teacher and a number of governors appointed by the Board of Directors. The Local Governing Body (LGB) meets termly and is responsible for the following functions:

- ✓ The strategic planning of the school;
- ✓ Monitoring the progress of the school's School Improvement priorities;
- ✓ Holding the school's senior leaders to account for the outcomes and progress of pupils;
- ✓ Monitoring the school's budget;
- ✓ Monitoring the effectiveness of specific areas identified by Directors.

The LGB has no responsibility for making any changes to the budget once Directors have agreed it, or authorising any additional expenditure unless the Trust's Executive Head Teacher and/or Chief Financial Officer have given prior approval.

As part of their work, governors make regular visits to the school and look at key areas of the school's activity - pupil achievement and progress, safeguarding, use of Pupil Premium and PE grant funding, reading, attendance as well as Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Through its work, the LGB promotes high standards and educational achievement for all pupils in the school.