

## **The governors' role**

As Governors we have three roles:

- To be strategic;
- To act as a critical friend in the development of the school;
- To be accountable to the whole school community – particularly to pupils and to parents.

Find out more about the role of Governors in school [here](#).

## **How we work**

The governing body has established a number of committees and statutory panels. We meet together as a full governing body every half-term. These committees cover:

1. Staffing, Finance & Resources;
2. Curriculum and Standards;

Each governor serves on one or more committees and in addition, has a specific area of interest – for example: safeguarding ; curriculum or finance.

## **Keeping in touch**

The school website is a good way of keeping up to date with all aspects of school life. If you have a concern or a point of view to share, please come and speak to us.

There are lots of ways of sharing your views with us. As some of our governors are also parents of children at school, so we can often be found around at the beginning and end of the school day. Alternatively, you can always leave us a note at the school office.

## **Becoming a governor**

Being a school governor is an important role but you do not need to have any particular skills, knowledge or experience to become a governor. What you need to bring is: a commitment to school life; the ability to work with others; patience and enthusiasm; a willingness to learn; a commitment to working openly and democratically; and, most importantly a willingness to spend what time you can offer getting involved in school life. Our governors typically spend about 10 hours a month contributing to school life (attending meetings, undertaking training, visiting school, participating in school events and much more) but some do less and you can do a lot more if you choose.

The most important thing to note is that governors are a team, not a collection of individuals or groups with separate agendas. However much we may differ in our opinions and experiences we are united by our commitment to the school and the responsibility we share for its long-term success. In short, we have a common purpose. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a school governor please get in touch with any of our governors.