

# Remit of the Governing Body

The Governors are responsible for three core functions:

1. Setting the strategic direction of the school
2. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school
3. Ensuring financial health, probity and value for money.

## What does the Governing Body do?

Governors are responsible for a number of areas including attainment, finance, policies and procedures. Their role involves working closely with the Headteacher to ensure children get the best possible education to enable them to achieve, in an environment where they feel safe, valued and where learning is fun.

Their main functions are to:

- Set the aims and objectives for the school
- Ensure the policies and procedures are relevant and achieve the objectives
- Set targets to monitor the progress of the school to ensure it is meeting its aims and objectives
- Be a critical friend to the school and provide a source of challenge and support

The Governing Body has three sub-committees; Curriculum, Staff & Finance, and Premises. Other working groups may be set up when needed to address or discuss particular issues or research a particular area and report back to the full Governing Body.

The overall purpose of the Curriculum Committee is to:

- Monitor the standards pupils achieve, making sure they make at least expected progress and that the school is at least in line nationally
- Monitor the school's success in promoting inclusion
- Ensure that the School Development Plan is focused on appropriate priorities for raising standards at the school
- Ensure that policies are reviewed on a regular basis to promote improved standards
- Advise the Governing Body of the school's curriculum policies and oversee that the National Curriculum statutory obligations are met
- Contribute to monitoring and evaluating the School Development Plan and policies, making recommendations to the full Governing Body

The overall purpose of the Staff & Finance Committee is to:

- Formally approve the annual school budget at the start of each financial year
- Monitor purchasing and authorise purchases above a set amount
- Monitor income and expenditure at regular intervals
- Authorise staff pay rises in-line with the school's Pay Policy

- Audit accounts and act on the schools audit action plan
- Agree the staffing structure with the Headteacher
- Carry out the Governing Body's statutory responsibilities for the Performance Management of the Headteacher

The overall purpose of the Premises Committee is to:

- Provide support and guidance for the Headteacher and Premises Officer on all matters relating to the school premises and grounds, security and health and safety
- Inspect the premises and grounds with the Premises Officer annually and prepare a statement for the committee
- Adopt the Health and Safety policy appropriate to the needs of the whole school
- Ensure the school complies with Health and Safety regulations, seeking external advice if necessary
- Complete the Accessibility Plan for the school in consultation with either the Premises Officer or Headteacher.