



The purpose of the Governing Body

The governing body is the school's accountable body. It is responsible for the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. The governing body aims to ensure that children are attending a successful school which provides them with a good education and a sound understanding of Christ's place in our world.

The governing body:

- Sets the strategic direction of the school by:
 - o Setting the values, aims and objectives for the school;
 - o Agreeing the policy framework for achieving those aims and objectives;
 - o Agreeing the school improvement strategy which includes approving the budget and agreeing the staffing structure.

- Challenges and supports the school by monitoring, reviewing and evaluating:
 - o The implementation and effectiveness of the policy framework;
 - o Progress towards targets;
 - o The implementation and effectiveness of the school improvement strategy;
 - o The budget and the staffing structure.

- Ensures accountability by:
 - o responding to Ofsted reports when necessary;
 - o holding the headteacher to account for the performance of the school;
 - o ensuring parents and pupils are involved, consulted and informed as appropriate;
 - o making available information to the community.

- Appoints and performance manages the headteacher who will deliver the aims (through the day to day management of the school, implementation of the agreed policy framework and school improvement strategy, and delivery of the curriculum) and report appropriately to the governing body.

The Governing Body will achieve these ends by:

1. Regular meetings of the Full Governing Body (twice termly)
2. Strategic Working Groups – appointed by and directly accountable to the Full Governing Body, focussed on specific, strategic issues, for example, new build; SIP and SEF; curriculum; coaching; EMBRACE etc.
3. Individual/Lead Governor Responsibilities appointed by and accountable to the Full Governing Body for specific issues, such as Safeguarding; Premises; School Councils; library etc.
4. Ethos Committee – appointed by and directly accountable to the Full Governing Body for oversight of the Christian ethos and values of the school.
5. ACE Governor Champions Scheme – ensuring regular, focussed and accountable school visits by individual governors.

All Governors are required to sign the 'Governors' Code of Conduct', which includes a commitment to appropriate training.