

## **Governors**

### **The Role of the Governing Body**

The governing body works to support the overall development of the pupils. All governors contribute to raising standards for all pupils. This involves providing a strategic view for the school, holding the headteacher to account and ensuring financial probity.

The full Governing Body meets 4 times a year and at other times as members of various committees. School Governors have legal duties, powers and responsibilities. They can only act collectively, not individually. The Governors are made up of parents, members of staff, Gosforth Schools' Trust representatives and co-opted governors from the wider community.

In order to carry out this work governors:

- work closely with the school team
- work on committees to which the governing body has delegated key areas of responsibility. These meet on a regular basis – at least once each term. visit the school
- attend training
- recognise that the headteacher is responsible for the implementation of policy, management of the school and the implementation of the curriculum
- self-evaluate their own practices on a regular basis

### **Committees**

#### **Staffing, Finance and Premises Committee**

The Staffing, finance and Premise Committee make decisions regarding appointment of staff, staffing structure, monitoring the school finances and budget, ensuring the school is financially accountable and following financial procedures. The committee meets at least once a term.

Members: Richard Hukin(chair), Helen Sykes, Tarquin Cross, Val Hay, Gill Mckay, Bev Armstrong

#### **Curriculum and Performance Committee**

The Curriculum and Performance committee look at the teaching, learning and attainment of the school, ensuring that all children achieve their potential.

The committee meets once a term.

Members: Helen Sykes(chair), Ian Laverick, Gurminder Marwaha, Neil Kirtley, Gill McKay, Bev Armstrong, Danielle Cooley/Carolyn Appleby

#### **In-Year Admissions Committee**

The Admissions Committee makes decisions regarding in-year admissions, always following statutory guidance and agreed policies.

The committee meet as required.

Members: Tarquin Cross, Val Hay, Gill McKay

#### **Appeals (Discipline, Discretionary Awards, Dismissal, Grading, Grievance, Pay and Redundancy)**

Any three governors who have not been involved in the original decision will convene as a committee to hear appeals.

### **Link Governors**

We have Link Governors who visit school regularly and work alongside staff and children as well as supporting the school to evaluate areas of its work and report back to the Governing Body.

Our Link Governors oversee areas such as Safeguarding, Early Years and areas which are linked to our School Development Plan.