

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

The governing body is a group of individuals who act as critical friends to the school.

The main roles of the governing body are:

- To help shape a clear vision for the school and work to achieve that vision.
- To hold the school staff to account for the wellbeing of the pupils and the quality of education provided.
- To oversee the financial management of the school and make sure money is well spent.

All schools in the country have a governing body but the makeup varies depending on the type of school. At Christ Church our governing body has 12 members:

- Vicar of Christ Church
- Head Teacher
- 1 other member of staff
- 2 parents (volunteers)
- 1 Local Authority (LA) member (volunteer)
- 6 Foundation governors (volunteers); 3 appointed by the Parish Council and 3 by the Diocesan Education Board.

We also have a Clerk appointed by the LA who records the minutes of our meeting and provides advice and guidance when needed.

The governors are always happy to meet and talk to parents about the overall values and plans for the school. Do remember any individual concerns about individual pupils or teachers should be raised with class teachers or the head teacher.