

# Governors

Welcome to the 'Governors' pages of Woodlands website.

## The Role of the School Governor at Woodlands Community Primary School

Governors provide their time to help the school on a voluntary basis and come from a range of different backgrounds, each bringing a range of different experiences, knowledge and skills. There are a variety of different roles within the governing body but ultimately it involves working with the head teacher and senior leadership team to make sure that the pupils at Woodlands receive the best possible education.

The governors are a mixture of elected and appointed individuals. At Woodlands our Board is currently comprised of:

- the Head teacher
- 2 parent governors, elected by parents at the school.
- 1 local authority governor appointed by the Local Authority
- 1 elected staff member who may be either teaching or non-teaching.
- 7 who are co-opted.

To meet the current governors please [click here](#)

Our aim is to work together to deliver our vision that the children at Woodlands will get the best possible education by **“Learning, Enjoying and Growing together”**, during their time at school. We will support the head teacher and the dedicated team of staff, but also we will challenge where necessary to ensure that we deliver our objectives.

The governing board has a strategic role and sets policy, whereas the head teacher has the operational role and is responsible for delivery of the policies that are agreed.

### Our key purpose is:

1. ensuring that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined
2. holding the Headteacher and senior leaders to account for school improvement
3. ensuring the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources

The wider responsibilities of the governing body include

- setting targets for pupil achievement,
- managing the school finances,
- making sure that the curriculum is balanced and broadly based,
- appointing staff
- reviewing staff pay and performance.

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## Committees

Some of these topics are discussed at separate committee meetings, Each committee meets at least once a term, has an agreed remit, a proforma agenda and recorded minutes.

All committees report back to all governors at the full governors meeting which is held every term.

Currently we have 3 separate committees these are:

- Teaching & Learning
- Finance & Premises
- Personnel

Individual governors select which committee(s) they participate in depending on the contribution they are able to make.

To understand further the roles and responsibilities of the committees please [click here](#)

The minutes from the full governors meetings are public documents and can be viewed by request at the school office.

## Link Governors

In addition to the broad role of the governing body and its appointed committees we are also working with the school to support in specific areas to enhance the delivery of the school improvement plan.

Link Governors each work with a school appointed champion to understand and support the development of the school to enhance the delivery of the whole school experience for the children of Woodlands.

Our current link roles include: Maths, English, Curriculum (including Early Years), Assessment, Safeguarding, Additional Funding Areas (SEND, Pupil Premium, FSM, Sports Funding), Pupils and Parents, ICT / Website.

## Contact Us

Governors welcome feedback from the whole school community and we want you to tell us what you think about how we are doing. If you have any comments you wish to make about our school, any of the governors would be happy to hear from you. Please speak to any one of us, or contact us at: [Governors@woodlands.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:Governors@woodlands.staffs.sch.uk)

If you want to make a complaint about an issue at the school then, in the first instance you need to speak to the head teacher, if you are still not satisfied then the matter can be raised with the Chair of Governors in line with the [complaints policy](#).

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## **Interested in Joining the Governing Board?**

If you have an interest in joining our Governing Board as and when vacancies arise please contact us at any time to explore the Role, what is involved and the immense satisfaction derived helping the school deliver the absolute best education for all the pupils who journey through Woodlands.

All governors, regardless of elected or appointed status are recruited on their skills, knowledge and experience to build a balanced governing board to provide support and challenge to the school leadership. The recruitment based on skills is an important aspect of the governing board at Woodlands.