

GOVERNORS' VISITS TO SCHOOL

The Governing Body of Wychbold First and Nursery School recognises that its members should, in seeking to fulfil their roles and responsibilities effectively, make efforts to visit the school in order to gain awareness and understanding which helps them in their strategic role.

New Governors will be offered, at an early stage, an opportunity to visit the school, singly or as a group, at a date and time agreed with the Headteacher in order to gain an understanding of systems and practice and current issues.

Members of the governing body will be expected to visit the school at least once a year to monitor subjects, government initiatives and/or policies.

Governors will, under normal circumstances, visit the school by appointment with the Headteacher or other members of staff as agreed. Governors will at all times report to reception or an agreed member of staff upon arrival and follow the procedure for visitors in order to set a good example for other visitors.

Governors will recognise at all times that they have a strategic role and that the governing body acts as a unit. Governors will respect the professional roles of staff and will raise any issues appropriately at meetings of the governing body or one of its committees. It is important that governors are not seen to be acting as 'inspectors'. Visits to school by governors should, wherever possible, help to inform the strategic role of the governing body.

Governors acting as voluntary helpers will be treated and will expect to be treated the same as other voluntary helpers in the school including limits to responsibility, supervision arrangements, training and support.

Governors will be expected to contribute feedback to the governing body or the appropriate sub-committees at the next meeting. To this end visits will be focused by agreement.

The governing body's policy on visits to the school by governors will be made clear to all new governors through inclusion in an induction process which will be the responsibility of the Chairperson.

This policy will be monitored through feedback from governors and staff reported to the governing body or a sub-committee.

A review of this governing body's policy will be conducted annually.

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