



Brief Details

The Role of Governors

The Board of Lincoln Gardens Primary School

BACKGROUND

School governors represent the largest volunteer force in the country with approximately 1% of the adult population serving in this capacity at any one time. The board of governors of Lincoln Gardens Primary School has 12 governor positions of which two are for parent governors. Parent governors are elected by their fellow parents and are vital to a governing body because they ensure that the other governors are kept in touch with the concerns and issues of most importance to our parents.

CHARACTERISTICS AND ROLE OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Governors are people who wish to make a positive contribution to the school and the education of its children. They will contribute to the strategic direction of the school and have an effective input toward the educational achievements of its pupils.

The boards overriding responsibility is to work in partnership with the head teacher to promote continuous improvement in the performance of the school. In partnership with the senior leadership of the school, the board establishes the schools development plan, the setting of challenging but achievable targets and an understanding of information to assess progress and determine appropriate action. Aligned to its improvement role, the board of governors is there to provide the right balance between supporting and challenging the performance of both the head teacher and the school.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT

The local authority values the voluntary contribution of its governors and provides a high-quality training and support service. Governors are able to access this support in a variety of ways including training courses, access to online training, Governors News (magazine produced by the local authority), termly chairs' briefing sessions, complemented by professional support and advice from the clerking service. We endeavour to keep school governors informed of developments in education policy and current best practice. All new governors are expected to attend a governor induction course during their first year.

BECOMING A PARENT GOVERNOR

Being a parent governor can be stimulating, enjoyable and rewarding. If you have the enthusiasm and desire to become closely involved in the school and its community, then please consider putting yourself forward for vacancies that arise. Parent governors are an important component in achieving an effective and well-balanced governing body.

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