

GOVERNOR FACT SHEET

The governing body consists of parent governors, staff governors, community governors, foundation governors, sponsor, partnership and LA nominated governors. Our school has *five* parent governors. Parent governors have all the same powers and duties as other governors.

The governing body meets once or twice a term, usually in the evening. If possible every governor joins at least one of our committees. The committees are responsible for different aspects of the school such as Finance and Curriculum. Committees also meet once or twice a term at times which suit the committee members. We also invite governors to come into School occasionally during the school day so they can understand how the School operates and see improvements for themselves.

To be eligible to stand for election as a parent governor you have to have parental responsibility for a pupil at the school. Having "parental responsibility" is not limited to biological parents, but will cover you if you are a step-parent, foster parent, grandparent bringing up the child, or permanent partner of the child's biological parent. A few people cannot be school governors; those who have been made bankrupt or who have been in prison for certain offences may not serve for at least three years afterwards. School staff are not eligible to stand as parent governors if they are employed for 500 hours or more per year. If you have any doubts as to your eligibility on any of these grounds, please contact the school office/headteacher.

The child must be on the school roll at the time the election is held. However, Parent Governors do not have to resign if their children leave the school before their term of office has expired.

Although you don't need any educational experience or expertise, you should attend the free training course provided by Governor Services for newly appointed governors so that you are fully aware of your role.