

School Governors

Who are we and what do we do?



School governors have a vital role to play in making sure all children at our school receive the highest standard of education possible and are able to achieve their full potential.

What does a School Governor do?

The head teacher is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school but school governors work with the head to set the school's aims and policies.

There are also other important duties the governors and head carry out including:

- Deciding how many staff to employ
- Setting targets for pupil achievement
- Managing the school's finances
- Making sure the curriculum is varied and balanced
- Hearing appeals and grievances
- Monitoring pupils' behaviour and discipline

School governors come from all backgrounds reflecting different cultures, communities, work skills and life.

Governors receive training and support to help them in their role.

The collective decisions made by the governing body will help shape the future of children at the school.

A GOVERNOR HAS...

- an interest in all the children's futures
- a desire to make a difference
- a willingness to accept responsibility
- an ability to work in a team and is happy to ask questions, listen and learn

Oakwood Junior School currently has 14 governors and these include; staff, parents and people from the local community who are interested in the welfare and education of the children at the school.

For more details of the current Governing body check out the governor page on our website.

There are usually six governing body meetings each year (2 per term). Governors can also serve on a committee and be more involved in areas that interest them such as Finance or Health and Safety.

For more information about our current governing body, please visit the governor page on the school website:

www.oakwoodjuniorschool.co.uk

Interested in becoming a school governor?

What does a Governor do?

Some more detail...

You do not need previous experience of education to be an effective governor. Everyone has skills and knowledge from everyday life and work which would be of enormous benefit to a governing body. Common sense and the ability to listen and make reasoned decisions together with a commitment to give a few hours of your time are vital ingredients.

A Governor will:

- visit and get to know the school and the people in it.
- work in partnership with the Head teacher to raise standards.

A Governor should:

- help to decide the priorities for improving the school.
- support the aims of the school.
- will listen as well as they can to parents' opinions and take account of them as they contribute to governors' decisions.
- work co-operatively with other governors in the best interest of the school.
- attend the meetings of the Governing Body and its committees.
- are loyal to the decisions made by the Governing Body.
- promote the interests of the school in the wider community.

- respect the confidentiality of those items of business that have been designated as confidential. This means not disclosing what individuals have said or how they have voted.
- have an equal right to participate and to state their views whilst respecting the views of others.
- understand the broader responsibilities of being a governor of a public institution in particular by promoting public accountability for the actions and performance of the Governing Body.
- participate in training.

Am I entitled to time off from work for Governor duties?

Many employers appreciate that governors not only contribute, but also learn, new skills that are useful in their place of work. Governors, together with magistrates, members of local councils, and members of certain other statutory authorities, have the right to reasonable time off work for their public duties - although this may be unpaid. It is always worth checking with your manager and Human Resources department for the up-to-date policy.

Interested?

For more information:

Visit www.derby.gov.uk/schoolgovernors or speak to the Headteacher Steve Darby