

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE GOVERNORS

What do Governors do?

They contribute to the work of the Governing body in ensuring high standards of achievement for all pupils in their school.

They do this by

- setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

How do they do this?

- By attending and participating in Governing body and Committee meetings
- Serving on Panels of Governors to appoint the Headteacher and other senior leaders
- Visiting the school to gain a good understanding of the school's strengths and areas for improvement
- Speaking, acting and voting in the best interests of the school

What skills do Governors need?

- An interest in education
- A desire to support the school
- Availability and enthusiasm
- An ability to work as part of a team
- Specialist skills and experience e.g. HR and Finance are always in demand

What is the time commitment?

- Governors can be elected for up to 4 years
- They attend a Governing body meeting once or twice per term and at least one Committee meeting per term
- They are expected to have read all of the papers before each meeting and make a contribution in meetings