

The Role of a Governor at Woodlands Primary School

The Governing Body at Woodlands reconstituted in May 2014 to form a committed and experienced team.

The Governing Body is responsible for the long-term strategic direction of the school. It has statutory responsibilities that include agreeing the school budget and expenditure and ensuring key policies are in place. Governors do not get involved in the day-to-day running of the school but have the role of a 'critical friend', asking challenging questions and providing support in those areas in which they have particular expertise.

In order to be effective in their role, governors are expected to attend training sessions and read all relevant documentation. New governors can attend sessions run by Wirral LA and the school also provides ongoing training.

Governors meet twice each term for full governing body meetings. These are usually held after school and last for about two hours.

Governors are also required to join one of the following committees which meet each term:

Standards Committee – to consider policy on any matters relating to the school curriculum, to recommend new policy and any amendments to existing policies. To review progress and standards performance data and hold the head accountable for pupil outcomes

Finance and Staffing Committee - to look after the termly expenditure, agree major financial outlays, monitor the budget profile and monthly spending. To sit on interview panels, agree new staff appointments, agree staff changes and amendments, review job descriptions, salaries, performance management, dismissals.

We also have 'link' governors who meet regularly with subject leaders and members of the senior leadership team. This ensures governors are familiar with the work going on across the school.

The annual schedule of meetings is published on the school website.

Minutes of full governing body meetings are public documents and can be requested from the school office.

For further information on our governing body, including how to become a governor, please call the Clerk to the Governing Body, Barbara Baker at the school.

For further general information on the role and expectations of school governors visit the [National Governors' Association](#) website.