

## What is a Governor and a Governing Body?

A Governor has an official role to play to support the best interests of the school and all of the school's pupils.

A Governor is elected or invited to join the Governing body. The Governing body is the collective name for all Governors. Governors can only act collectively.

Most Governing Bodies will include one member of staff and the Head Teacher. The school staff elects a Staff Governor. . Other Governors are not on the payroll of the school.

- The Diocesan Board Of Education appoints Foundation Governors.
- Parent Governors nominate themselves and are then elected to the post.
- Local Authority Governors are appointed by the local authority
- Community Governors live or work in the local community and are committed to the good governance and success of the school
- Co-opted Governors are people that are appointed by the governing body and have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance of the school
- Associate members can be staff or pupils and are people interested in contributing to a specific issue related to their expertise.

## What is the remit of the Governors at South Kilworth Primary School?

The core function of a Governing body is to provide strategic leadership, to hold the Head Teacher to account and make sure school funds are well spent. Governors also have an important role as a 'critical friend' and work closely with the Head Teacher to ensure the continuous improvement of the school.

The Head Teacher has the responsibility for the internal organisation, management and control of the school. The Governors set out a strategic framework, for the direction and future vision for the school. The Head Teacher implements the framework and direction laid out by the Governors,

The full Governing Body of all members meets at least four times every year. There are also several committees that focus on specific topics /areas about the school. Each Governor will take an active role in one or more of the committees.

The committees at South Kilworth Primary School are:

- Curriculum and Standards
- Resources ( which includes finance, premises and health and safety)
- Foundation
- Pay
- Head Teachers Performance Review
- Governing Body Self Evaluation Group

Information governors receive about students is anonymous. Governors cannot and should not discuss the education experience of any child with any parent, nor can Governors discuss aspects of school policy and funding, Governors cannot act individually to make decisions about the school.