



CROFTLANDS INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Hello from the School Governors !

Hello from Croftlands Infants and Nursery Governors. The role of a Governor can sometimes be a bit of a mystery so we hope this will give you a better idea of what we do.

Who Are We ?

- We're made up of parents of children at the school, members of the local community, local authority and school staff
- We're volunteers from many walks of life who bring varied skills to the team meaning that decisions are made based on a wide range of experience and views

What do Governors do ?

We are often in school keeping in touch with school life. We work closely with the Headteacher on a range of issues and help to make decisions which are in the best interest of the children. These include:

- The vision, aims, direction and ethos of the school
- Reviewing school and staff performance and progress towards targets
- School policies, Improvement Plan and budget
- Appointment, selection and management of staff
- Health and safety and the repair and maintenance of the school
- The school prospectus and pupil attendance

So, how do we do all of this ?

We meet regularly throughout the year, either as a 'whole body', or in sub committees which discuss matters specifically relating to them. Our sub committees are:

- Education; Finance and Personnel; Health and Safety

Parents are welcome to attend meetings or can view agendas and minutes by visiting the school office.

Governors and the Curriculum

Each Governor has a specific curriculum subject that they are responsible for monitoring. We undertake lesson observations, write equipment appraisals and talk to pupils. By doing this we gain knowledge of how the school operates and how subjects are delivered. This also gives the children an opportunity to meet and talk with Governors and get an understanding of what we do too.



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Governor Training and Development

We have an ongoing training programme that keeps us up to date with current policies and practices. Some of the courses that have been attended recently are:

- Safer Recruitment
- The role of the Link Governor
- Introduction to Governance for new Governors
- Special Education Needs
- Dealing with complaints
- Educational trips

Other things we've been doing recently

- We've been involved in the recruitment of Mrs. Pooley and Miss Scarr, a new nursery teaching assistant
- Supporting and approving the school budget
- Health and safety actions ensuring the school is a safe environment
- Monitoring educational standards and benchmarking against national standards
- Attending the new parents information evening
- Putting up blinds in several classrooms and unblocking drains !

This is us !

We hope this has given you a better understanding of what we do in the school. It's true to say that each of us had relatively little knowledge of what Governors do until we became one ! It really is a rewarding and enjoyable experience to be a member of such a dedicated and committed team.

Governor appointments last for 4 years. If you think you might like to join us in the future then that would be great: just have a chat with the Headteacher.

For Further Information on anything regarding Governors Please contact the school office.

Thanks for reading