

What do governors do?

Governors are elected for four years (but may stand down before this) and parent governors may complete their term of office after their children have left the school.

The Governing Body includes the Headteacher, one staff governor, two parent governors, one Local Authority governor appointed by the Bi-Borough, one co-opted governor, and eight foundation governors who are appointed by the foundation bodies of voluntary aided schools.

The Governing Body has an important role in the school. Its main responsibility is to promote high standards of achievement, and it does this by working with the Headteacher and staff and overseeing the development of the school. This includes:

- Agreeing the school's aims, policies, targets and priorities
- Ensuring the school achieves high standards for all learners
- Making sure money is spent wisely
- Making sure the curriculum is broad and balanced
- Acting as a link between the local community and the school

Full meetings are held at least four times per year for about 2 hours each and governors are also expected to join at least one committee which consider matters in more detail; these each meet three times per year for about 1.5 hours each time.

The Governing Body works as a team, reflecting the views and interests of parents, staff, the local authority and the community. While governors are representatives of their electorate or appointing body, they are not delegates and cannot be mandated to vote in any particular way. Each governor's main duty is to the best interests of the pupils and the school.

Governors are volunteers but may claim for expenses such as travel or childcare.

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