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Hello and welcome to the section of the website where you can find out more about the school's governors, and the work that we do.

Our main role is to support the Headteacher and the staff – the phrase often used to describe this role is 'a critical friend'. We help them to set and reach targets and to strive for excellence across the whole spectrum of school life. The key documents used for this are the Governors' Strategic Priorities which sets out priorities for the next three years and the School Development Plan (SDP) which sets out annual targets for the school that everyone works towards and which is regularly updated with progress towards these targets.

Our legal duties include:-

- setting strategic direction, policies and objectives
- approving the school budget
- reviewing progress against the school's budget and objectives
- appointing, challenging and supporting the Headteacher

The full Governing Body meet six times a year. We have two committees - Resources and Teaching and Learning which meet 3-4 times a year. These committees consider in more depth curriculum, assessment, data, SEND, Safeguarding, finance, premises, health and safety, pupil premium, staffing and pay. The Committees then report back to the full Governing Body.

There are several categories of governor, appointed by different groups that have an interest in the school. These governors are from the Community, the Local Authority, Parents, and Staff. All governors have equal status, however they are appointed.

We are committed to providing an excellent learning experience for all pupils to enjoy during their time at our school.

Cathy Woodcock
Chair of Governors