



The Orchard Primary School

Nurture Learn Grow

PARENT GOVERNOR FACTSHEET

What is a Governing Body?	<p>A Governing Body is a group made up of parents, school staff (including the Head Teacher), and people from the local community who together oversee the development of the school.</p> <p>The Governors, together as a body, have a range of legal responsibilities, so being a governor is an important commitment. New governors should be willing to attend training to help them learn what is involved.</p>
What does the Governing Body do?	<p>Governors do not manage the school, that is the responsibility of the Head Teacher and Leadership Team but they do help determine the aims and values of the school, the priorities for development and help to monitor that the decisions they are making are having the desired effect.</p>
How much time does it take?	<p>You would be a member of the Full Governing Body and also be a member of 1 committee.</p> <p>The Full Governing Body meets once a term (twice in the Autumn) and the Committees meet once a term.</p> <p><i>While being a governor certainly requires commitment it does not call on huge amounts of time.</i></p> <p><i>Please note that most meetings take place in the evening after school has finished.</i></p>
Who can be a Parent Governor?	<p>Any parent who has responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election.</p>
What qualifications do I need?	<p>Parent Governors do not need any formal qualifications. You just need common sense, enthusiasm, time, energy and commitment.</p>
How long is the term of office?	<p>You normally hold office for 4 years, even if your child leaves the school during this time. However, you can resign from the governing body at any time.</p>
What training is there for new governors?	<p>New governors have access to induction training run by the Local Authority which explains the role and responsibilities of governors. Your fellow governors will also support you in your new role.</p>