

# BEING A DOWNVIEW GOVERNOR

## DOWNVIEW SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

The Articles of Association for Downview School states that the Governing Body shall consist of 10 members plus the Headteacher made up as follows:

3 Parents	3 Co-opted
3 Staff	1 LA

In addition, three Member/Appointed Governors may be appointed at the discretion of the Trustees. Currently these positions are vacant.

There are seven sub committees/panels made up as follows:

<b>Committees:</b>	<b>Panels:</b>
Curriculum	Pupil Discipline
Finance, Audit and Staffing	Staff Dismissals and Appeals
Premises and Environment	Flexible Retirement Appeals
Pay	

As a Governor of Downview School you will be asked to be a member of at least one of the Committees.

### **Committees**

- \* Spread the workload of the Governing Body and help in decision making
- \* Enable issues to be examined in detail
- \* Encourage participation and allow governors to specialise and develop their particular interest, skills and experience
- \* Facilitate more effective and efficient whole governing body meetings

## What Are Governors Expected To Do?

The overall purpose of our governing body is to help the school we lead to provide the best possible education for Downview children.

This involves in particular:

- Setting the school's vision and strategic aims, and agreeing plans and policies, making creative use of available resources.
- Governors are involved in agreeing the school budget. This ensures the school staff have the resources and support they require to do their jobs well, including necessary expertise on business management, external advice where necessary, effective appraisal and CPD (Continuing Professional Development) and suitable premises, and that the way in which those resources are used has positive impact.
- Monitoring and evaluating performance and acting as a critical friend to the Headteacher to offer support and challenge in the management of the school.
- Ensuring that the school is accountable to the children and parents it serves, and to the local community, as well as to the staff it employs.
- Governors are expected to attend six Full Governing Body Meetings per school year.
- Governors also attend at least one committee meeting per term. Usually these committee meetings are held during the working day.
- Governors make formal visits to the school.
- Part of the requirement of being a Governor at Downview Primary School is that you will have to have a DBS Check (previously known as a CRB Check).

**In addition Governors are encouraged to:**

- Attend the annual *Governors Open Day*
- Undertake relevant *Governor training* (the costs will be met by the school)
- Attend *September Inset Day*
- Help out at the *Summer/ Christmas Fayre*
- Watch school performances
- Be present at the *Graduation evening*

At Downview School we grow and learn  
together every day

# Quotes from Governors at Downview School

