

The Role of the Governor:

Governors are appointed to provide a strong link between Meadow Primary School and the community it serves. Governors have wide experiences and independent views of the outside world. They also provide a focus on long term development and improvement. Governors also have the accountability to the community for the use of resources and the standards of teaching and learning within Meadow Primary School.

What Meadow Primary School hopes that you will get out of being a Governor?

- The Knowledge that you are helping our children.
- The satisfaction of giving something back to the community
- A sense of purpose and achievement
- New skills which may be useful elsewhere
- The role of the governors is to work together as a team to be accountable for overall performance.

What is School Governance?

Being a school Governor is one of the key roles within a school and its community. You will be able to build on your own strengths and/or decide to try your hand at something new to broaden your skills.

It may initially be a steep learning curve for some new Governors, but help is always at hand.

You Will Be Responsible For:

School Governors are responsible for making sure the school provides a good quality education. The Head teacher is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school but school Governors work with the Head to set the school's aims and policies

You Will Need To:

- Attend Full Governing Body meetings once a term.
- Make decisions about a range of issues to improve and maintain the standard of education in a school in meetings and by email.
- Take time to read the relevant paperwork and ask questions if you don't understand it.
- Be a member of a least one committee that looks in more detail at different aspects of Governors' work such as finance, curriculum or staff matters.

The commitment is to attend the following:

- Full Governing Body meetings
3 a year (one per term in the evenings)
- Committee meetings taking place in the school day hours. You will be asked to sit on at least one committee. To help you decide which committee is right for you. You can

attend all the committee meetings and then make your decision

Usually 3 a year, except for Resources which is 4 a year

- Governor school visits (Governor Day + Link Governor meetings) 3-4 half days a year.
Act as a link between their area and the governing body or committee
- Governor Assembly awards
6 a year; minimum 2 Governors per session; each Governor expected to do at least two.
- Prospective parents' tours
4 a year; minimum 3 Governors per session; each Governor expected to do at least one
- PTFA fairs
2 a year; 1 Christmas and one Summer: 1-hour minimum stint at each fair.