

# School Governors

Welcome to the section of the website where you can find out more about the school's governors, and the work that we do. You can also read the minutes from our meetings.

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 two key documents used for this are the School Development Plan (SDP) and the Self Evaluation Form (SEF). The SDP sets out a three year strategic plan for the school, with targets that everyone works towards and the SEF sets out how well the school is doing and where we aim to make improvements.

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 Governing Body meets at least once every (new) term. We set up committees or working groups to look at particular issues (such as pay, performance management, buildings development).

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

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

Our Governing Body meetings are usually held in the evening. We attend training sessions and seminars to help us keep up to date with changes in schools and education and to help us do our job effectively. We also go into school to meet with the Headteacher, other members of staff and pupils to help us find out how the school is progressing towards its targets.

If you wish to know more, or are interested in becoming a governor, please contact us care of the School Office or email us at [governor@meadowheadjunior.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:governor@meadowheadjunior.blackburn.sch.uk)