



Summerville Primary School Governing Body

Our school's Governing body is a voluntary body who are responsible for the strategic direction of our school. Governors are responsible for major decisions about the school and its future. The headteacher is responsible for the day today running of the school.

The governing board has the following core strategic functions:

Establishing the strategic direction, by:

- Setting the vision, values, and objectives for the school
- Agreeing the school improvement strategy with priorities and targets
- Meeting statutory duties

Ensuring accountability, by:

- Appointing the headteacher
- Monitoring progress towards targets
- Performance managing the headteacher
- Engaging with stakeholders
- Contributing to school self-evaluation

Ensuring financial probity, by:

- Setting the budget
- Monitoring spending against the budget
- Ensuring value for money is obtained
- Ensuring risks to the organisation are managed

WHAT WE NEED TO DO	HOW WE DO IT
Establish a clear vision for the future of the school and a strategy for how to achieve it.	We support our school's commitment to high achievement for all. We set aims for the school. Usually 2-3 priorities annually. With the headteacher, we look at the longer term challenges the school faces.
Make sure the school's values are being taught and reflected by pupils.	When making visits to school, we look for evidence of the values being modelled by staff and being reflected by pupils throughout the school.

Ensuring the health and safety of all pupils and staff.	We remain vigilant when on school premises and have a committee who undertake health and safety walks to ensure that our school is a safe place. We also follow up issuers raised by the committee and others.
Ensure that school has a sound financial strategy.	This is done through the Finance Committee and with a special form provided to us by the government (The Schools Financial Standard). This helps us to assess that public money is being spent wisely and ensure financial health.
Ensure the highest standards are being met.	Through link governor visits to make sure the curriculum is being taught. Through receiving data on the results of national standardised tests. Hearing presentations from teachers in governor meetings. Through termly updates on the attainment of the children and the school's progress on priorities for improvement.
Ensuring parents have a voice in our school.	By providing information (like this information leaflet). By linking with parents and by looking at parent voice and feedback opportunities.

Governing Body Committees

To ensure the sufficient running of the governing body we have various specific committees

Finance and staffing

Chair: Michelle Duvall

The Finance and Staffing committee holds the school to account for how money is spent and takes responsibility for the maintenance of the school site. The committee also considers many of the issues to do with staffing structures, terms and conditions and performance management.

School Effectiveness Committee

Chair: Michelle Duvall

The school effectiveness committee approves the curriculum, help with setting school improvement priorities for the year and monitors the school's progress as a whole.

Pastoral Committee

Chair: Gail McNally

The pastoral committee considers issues to do with partnerships, safeguarding, behaviour and attendance.

Buildings, Health and Safety

Chair: Julia Dawson

This committee monitor building repair and maintenance needs. They review how the building meets the school's needs and check that health and safety matters are addressed.