



The Role of a Governor at William Morris Primary School

This leaflet is aimed to give you an insight into the responsibilities and expectations of a Governor. The Governing Body is responsible for ensuring the quality of education and provision for the school. If you would like to become a governor at William Morris Primary School, please contact The Blue Kite Academy Trust by emailing admin@bluekitetrust.org.uk.

What do Governors do?

Governors are strategic leaders within schools and have a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education. They work in partnership with the Headteacher by:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Raising the standards of achievement
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school, ensuring its money is well spent
- Ensuring policies are in place and reviewed when necessary, including Safeguarding

Governors are expected to...

- Attend 6 meetings a year with the Governing Body
- Work as a member of the Governing Body, in the best interests of the school
- Be a support for the Headteacher and school staff
- Show an interest in school/academy activities
- Become well-informed about education and about their school in particular
- Become familiar with the statutory requirements of school governance
- Keep up to date with changes in education legislation
- Attend training courses, where appropriate
- Recognise and celebrate the achievements of the school
- Be linked to a specific area, such as English, Science, Health and Safety or Child Protection
- Visit the school at least once a term
- Write up and share notes of visit

What we hope you can offer

- Time
- A willingness to learn
- A listening ear and enquiring mind
- The ability to assimilate information and think strategically
- The ability to work as part of a team

Beneficial Skills

Here are a few examples of skills and experience a Governing Body would find useful:

Communication

Financial Planning

Legal

Project Management

Listening

Innovation

Team Working

Mediating

Public Relations

Contracting Services

Premises Management

Personnel Management