



Governing bodies are the strategic leaders of schools and have a vital role to play in making sure every child gets the best possible education. The purpose of Governing bodies is to 'conduct the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement'

Strong focus is kept on 3 core functions.

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school.
- Holding the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure money is well spent.

We do not - inspect the school

- have involvement in the day to day running of the school
- authorise all expenditure
- decide which pupils will be admitted to school
- decide how pupils are taught individual subjects

Governance Arrangements

The Board of Governors at Chaucer Infant and Nursery School currently has 11 members plus 1 clerk. The board includes the Executive Head teacher, Head of School, 1 staff Governor and 2 elected Parent Governors. The other 6 members have been co-opted onto the board as they have the skills to contribute to effective governance. Our members come from education, finance and medical backgrounds. The term of office is for 4 years and the Chairs are elected annually at the first meeting of the academic year. The full board usually meet 6 times a year (once a term) to discuss

Head teachers reports, budget, SEND, safeguarding and any other business, working closely with Embark Foundation.

The Co-Chairs maintain weekly contact with the Head teacher and School Leadership Team. Governors are invited to attend school to view concerts, help classes in various subjects and view the progress of the children.

We undertake training, for example in Safeguarding, Safer Recruitment, E Safety and Equality and Diversity. We also attend training sessions and updates at Embark Federation.

Governors have identified 2 main strategic objectives for the next year, to be reviewed annually.

- The Governing Body will hold school leaders to account ensuring that pupils and staff are safe and achieve positive outcomes.
- The school will achieve a good OFSTED

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