

How do governors help schools and children?

School governors are people who wish to make a positive contribution to children's education. Anyone with an interest in education can be a governor. Governors are volunteers who spend about 6 hours each month attending meetings and working to further schools development.

The governing body consists of people from the school's community including parents, school staff; and representatives of the Local Education Authority.

New school governors receive a nationally designed induction programme covering roles and responsibilities. Hampshire County Council also offer other training events to meet governor's needs.

Governors can also get independent advice from GovernorLine - the national free telephone helpline service.

What do governors do?

Together with the headteacher they see the future direction for the school and decide how the school's budget should be spent. Governing bodies make decisions collectively on matters such as performance targets, school policies and the school's improvement plan.

Governors monitor the impact of policies and oversee the use of the school's budget. They report to parents on the school's achievements and respond to inspection recommendations. They hear appeals from pupils and staff and consider complaints.

Governors provide the headteacher with support and advice, drawing on their knowledge and experience. They ask searching questions and respect the headteacher's position as professional leader of the school.

What is the commitment?

- Attendance at full governing body meetings at 7pm, twice per term.
- Membership of one or two sub-committees, each one meets at 4.00-4.30pm, or 5pm or 8am, twice per term.
- Prior to meetings, reading papers such as reports and minutes.
- Representation of governors at school events e.g. parent consultations, Celebration of Work evening.
- Occasional observational visits during the school day.

I'm interested, what do I do now?

- Talk to a member of our governing body, or Mr. John Abbott, the Headteacher.
- Write a letter to Karen McManus Chair of Governing Body, and hand it into the school office.

If you want to be a parent governor your name and details will be put forward for an election.

To find out more information

visit the governors section of the Hampshire website:

www3.hants.gov.uk/education/governors/governors-govrecruit

"Governors are the bridge
between the school and the
community"

Primary school governor

"Governors have a real job to
do and it is interesting,
challenging and rewarding"

Governor from the business
community

"Governors can, and do,
make a difference to
children's futures" Primary
Headteacher

"They help the head care
for the school" Jim aged 8

**Vision Statement for
Church Crookham Junior
School**

***Our School is committed to
working in close
partnership with children,
parents, governors and a
wider community to ensure
each child reaches their
potential within a secure
and caring environment.***

www.crookham-jun.hants.sch.uk

Are you interested in joining our Governing Body?



CHURCH CROOKHAM
JUNIOR SCHOOL



***No special qualifications are
needed to become a school
governor, but enthusiasm
and commitment are
important, and it also helps
if you're a good listener,
who can understand
different people's views.***