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 8 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.

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 hold the Senior Leadership Team to account and also hear appeals from pupils and staff and consider complaints.

Governors provide the headteacher with support and challenge, 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 face to face
- Membership of one or two subcommittees, each one meets at 4pm-6pm, twice per term (virtual)
- Prior to meetings, reading papers such as reports and minutes.
- Some monitoring visits during the school day
- Representation of governors at school events e.g. parent consultations

I'm interested, what do I do now?

Talk to a member of our governing body. If you wanted to arrange a telephone call or meeting please email k.mcmanus@crookham-jun.hants.sch.uk and she is happy to talk to you more about this role. Alternatively, please contact adminoffice@crookham-jun.hants.sch.uk and we can arrange for Karen or another governor to get in touch.

To find out more information

Please visit the Hampshire Governor Services website hants.gov.uk/educationandlearn ing/governors/volunteer "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" Sarah aged 8

<u>Vision Statement for</u> <u>Church Crookham Junior</u> 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.

At Church Crookham Junior School, 'Achievement by All' lies at the heart of all we do.

Our five core values of kindness, respect, imagining, resilience and reflection have been derived through understanding the needs of our pupils and how we want to secure the best outcomes for them all.

Are you interested in joining our Governing Body?



*kindness *respect *imagining, *resilience *reflection

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.

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