

## Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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## Queensgate Foundation Primary School Governing Body

All schools have a Governing Body.

The Governing Body establishes with the Head Teacher the aims and policies of the school and how the educational standards can be met and improved.

To do this the Governing Body sets targets and reviews pupil progress. Policies are reviewed and updated as necessary.

The Governing Body is responsible for deciding how the school budget is spent and then monitors this through the Resources Committee. We are NOT responsible for the day to day management of the school or making judgements as to the quality of teaching. We are not qualified to do this and it is always the role of the Head Teacher and Senior Management Team.

At Queensgate we have 17 people on our Governing body made up as follows: 4 Partnership, 3 parents, 2 staff (including the Head Teacher), 1 Local Authority and 7 co-opted members. Each has a term of office of 4 years.

We operate in 3 sections: The Full Governing Body and 2 committees - Curriculum and Resources. The Full Governing Body and each committee meets once per term, but the Full Governing body has an extra meeting in September to plan for the coming year. Sometimes there is an extra meeting of the Full Governing Body to approve the Budget. All governors are expected to attend Full Governing Body meetings and to choose to be on either the Curriculum or Resources committee. All meetings start at 6pm. Individual governors also have a responsibility to monitor progress against targets set in the School Development Plan for a particular area of activity and to report back to the Full Governing Body.

All this may sound quite daunting, but training is provided and existing governors are there for support, especially the Chair and Vice Chair of Governors. All new governors attend an Induction, or introductory, course of approx. 4-5 hours duration. This can be on a Saturday or over 2 evenings. There are many other specific training courses provided, usually of a 2 hour duration.

To be a governor you need to have an interest in the progress and development of Queensgate as a whole school, and, a desire to work with the Full Governing Body and staff towards our goal of making Queensgate an Outstanding school.

If you have a particular skill you can bring, then please consider volunteering for the next Parent Governor vacancy.