

Queensgate Foundation Primary School Governing Board



All schools have a Governing Board. The Governing Board 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 Board sets targets and reviews pupil progress. Policies are reviewed and updated as necessary.

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

At Queensgate we have 14 members on our Governing Board made up as follows: 3 Partnership, 3 parents, 2 staff (including the Head Teacher), 1 Local Authority and 5 co-opted members. Each has a term of office of four years.

The Full Governing Board meets twice per term, with an extra meeting in September to plan for the coming year. Sometimes there is an extra meeting of the Full Governing Board to approve the Budget. All governors are expected to attend Full Governing Board meetings. 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 Board.

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 two- 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 Board and staff towards our goal of making Queensgate an Outstanding school. Queensgate has achieved three **Good** Ofsted inspections in a row - a record we would like to maintain.

If you have a particular skill you can bring, then please consider volunteering for the next Parent Governor vacancy or nominating someone for a Partnership or Co-opted Governor vacancy.