



Duties and responsibilities of the Local Governing Body

The Local Governing Body has a number of duties and responsibilities towards all its stakeholders – pupils, staff, parents, and the wider Wilmslow community.

Ensuring the school fulfils the legal requirements of the education system:

- Setting challenging but achievable educational targets
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- Ensuring the school is adequately resourced and that its resources are utilised properly and creatively (including overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure money is well spent)
- Ensuring all pupils receive an excellent, well-rounded education academically, morally and socially so that they can move forward into the world, fully equipped for the challenges they will face

Developing a vision for the school and setting its strategic aims:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Establishing the values that the school is expected to meet and maintain
- Acting as critical friends – monitoring and evaluating performance and progress towards the school's priorities and targets, supporting staff and challenging their expectations

Relationship with Stakeholders

- Accountability – ensuring that the school is accountable to the children and parents it serves, to its local community, to those who fund and maintain it, as well as the staff it employs
- Maintaining a close relationship with parents and the local community
- Caring for the welfare and well-being of staff and pupils

Who are we?

The Local Governing Body seeks to fully represent the local community and is drawn from four groups:

- Parent Governors: elected by the parents of the pupils at the school. A Parent Governor must have a pupil attending the school.
- Staff Governors: teaching and non-teaching staff at the school. These governors are elected by their fellow staff members. The Head Teacher is a governor 'ex-officio' (by virtue of their post).
- Co-opted Governors: co-opted by the Board, these governors will either have close links with the local community or bring with them specific skills or expertise that the Board feels are required.

From time to time the Board may co-opt a Governor for a temporary period to meet a particular requirement.

We aim to be a cohesive and professional team who use our skills and experience to work in partnership with the staff and parents and share the commitment that Gorseley Bank should provide the best possible education for its pupils.

If you have anything you would like to discuss or raise with our Chair of Governors, Colin Shepherd, please e-mail him on chairofgovernors@gorseleybank.net or in writing via the school office.