

## **THE GOVERNING BODY**

The governing body has general responsibility for the conduct of the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement. Within that framework, the governing body should respect the position of the Head teacher as the professional leader of the school and as the person responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of the school

School governing bodies consist of appointed and elected governors. All governing bodies include parent, staff and LEA governors. As a Voluntary Controlled Church of England School, our school also has Foundation Governors appointed by the Church authorities.

The way the governing body is made up (its composition) is set out in the school's Instrument of Government. The latest Instrument came into effect on the 1st April 2004 and provided for a total number of 14 governors consisting of:

- 5 parent governors
- 1 LEA governor
- 3 staff governors
- 2 community governors
- 3 foundation governors

### **Legal responsibilities and powers of the governing body**

Governing bodies have a wide range of responsibilities and powers. They:

- help to raise standards of pupil achievement
- plan the school's future direction
- appoint the head teacher and deputies
- make decisions on the school's budget and staffing
- establish and implement a performance management policy for appraising all staff
- make sure the national curriculum is taught
- set appropriate targets for pupil achievement at Key Stages 1 & 2
- report national curriculum assessments and examination results to parents
- decide how the school can encourage pupils' spiritual, moral and cultural development
- make sure the school provides for all its pupils, including those with special needs
- are accountable for the performance of the school to parents and the wider community
- draw up an action plan after an Ofsted inspection

Each school faces its own unique challenges and so does each governing body.

The present Governors are:

Mr C. Humphrey – Chairman (LEA)  
Mr Philip Van Driel – (Foundation)  
Mrs V. Chesterton - (Foundation)  
Mr D. Harkness - (Community)  
Mr R. Gulliver – (Parent)  
Mrs P. Tomlin – (Staff)  
Rev. P. Denison - (Foundation)  
Mr A. King – (Ex-Officio)  
Mrs J. Mear – (Parent)  
Mrs J. McCall – (Parent)  
Mrs C. Foyle – Clerk to the Governors