

What do governors do?

The governing body's main aim is to help raise standards of achievement and make sure the school provides a good quality education for all its pupils.

The day-to-day management of the school is the responsibility of the head teacher and staff. Rather than manage, governors are there to help shape the school's future direction and focus.

Governors work as a team. Individual governors have no power or responsibility. It is only the full governing body which has legal duties and powers and all governors share in that corporate responsibility.

Governors attend school events and regular meetings, and read relevant reports and background papers. They are expected to attend 2 to 4 meetings every term, either full meetings of the governing body, committee meetings or working group/monitoring meetings.

The role can be divided into three main areas:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

In broad terms these form the criteria by which Governing Bodies are assessed during OFSTED inspections

Our Governing Body is made up of representatives from Parents, Staff, our Local Community and the Local Authority and consists of three sub-committees:

1. Resources
2. Teaching and Learning
3. Community and Welfare

The Committee Terms of Reference are listed as separate documents.

Governors also take responsibility for key areas:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• Mathematics• Special Needs• Computing• Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Protection• Children in Care• Health and Safety• Data• Premises and Lettings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainability/Eco Schools• General Data Protection Regulations• Staff Well Being• The Recovery Curriculum
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Useful Links:

Governors for Schools National Governance Association	Governance handbook and competency framework Schools Alliance for Excellence
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Members of the Governing Body of FVIS are:

Name and date of appointment	Type of Governor (appointed by):	Committee Member	Key Roles and relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	Meeting attendance 22/23
Mr Simon Sharp 1.9.2023	Ex-Officio Head Teacher	All Committees	Head teacher at Fetcham Village Infant School. Trustee of Fetcham Village Pre-school.	n/a
Mrs Cath Garell 25.11.2022 <i>First appointed November 2002</i>	Co-Opted	All Committees	Chair of Governing Body and Community & Welfare Committee. Responsibilities for Computing, Online & eSafety, Music, Staff Wellbeing & Mental Health.	13/13
Mr Tim Hall Sept 2022 <i>First appointed Sept 1989</i>	Local Authority	Resources.	Chair of Resources Committee. Responsibility for Humanities. Governor at Trinity School, Leatherhead. Employed by the Local Authority.	9/11
Mrs Kelly Phillips 15.1.2020	Parent	Community & Welfare	Responsibilities for Child Protection, Safeguarding & Welfare, Looked After Children. Principal of Orchard Hill College and Chair of Governors at Unified Academy, Dorking.	6/8
Dr Colin Sinclair 26.11.20200	Associate	Community & Welfare	Responsibilities for Health & Safety.	5/8
Mr Richard Boyd 3.2.2021	Co-opted	Teaching & Learning	Responsibilities for Strategy, Religious Education, Science and Educational Visits.	6/8
Mrs Sarah Honour 3.2.2021	Co-opted	Teaching & Learning	Vice chair of the Governing Body. Responsibilities for Assessment, Data, Link Governor, CPD and SEND. Employed at St John's School, Leatherhead.	4/9
Mrs Rebecca Morris 3.2.2021	Co-opted	Resources	Responsibilities for Best Value, Pupil & Sports Premiums and PE	5/9
Mrs Katya Bridges 6.10.2021	Parent	Community & Welfare	Responsibilities for Art & Design, DT, Values.	6/8
Mr Gareth McGovern 2.9.2022	Staff	Teaching & Learning.	Assistant Head teacher at Fetcham Village Infant School. Governor Responsibility for Early Years.	7/9
Dr James Suckling 26.3.2023	Parent	Community & Welfare	Responsibilities for Maths and Eco Schools.	2/2
Mrs Sebrina O'Connor 27.4.2023	Parent	Resources	Responsibilities for English and PSHE	1/1

Leavers during the last academic year:				
Mrs Christine Shuman 1.1.2021 – 31.8.2023	Ex-Officio Head Teacher	Resources. Teaching & Learning.	Head teacher at Fetcham Village Infant School	10/11
Mrs Aurora Sinclair 26.3.2019 – 25.3.2023	Parent	Teaching & Learning	Chair of Teaching & Learning Committee. Responsibilities for SEND, English, Assessment and Data. Parent Governor at Therfield School. Married to Associate Governor.	6/6
Mrs Laura Ward 22.5.2021 – 26.4.2023 <i>First appointed May 2017</i>	Parent	Resources	Responsibilities for PSHE, Values and the Recovery Curriculum. Trustee of Fetcham Village Pre-school.	7/7

Governors serve for a 4 year term (unless they resign early). Co-opted Governors are appointed by the Governing Body.

All governors have declared interests, including where they have none. All interests that exist are recorded in the table above.

Meeting dates 23/24:

Governing Body 6.30pm on:

Tuesday 28th November 2023
Thursday 25th April 2024
Tuesday 25th June 2024

Resources 5pm on:

Tuesday 21st November 2023
Thursday 18th April 2024
Tuesday 11th June 2024

Community and Welfare 5pm on:

Wednesday 1st November
Wednesday 6th March 2024
Tuesday 14th May 2024

Teaching and Learning 4.30pm on:

Monday 13th November 2023
Wednesday 20th March 2024
Wednesday 19th June 2024