

STEYNING C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHO ARE THE SCHOOL GOVERNORS?



Our Governing body consists of 12 governors and 4 associate members. Governors serve a 4 year term of office.

The categories denominations of governors are as follows:

Type of Governor	Why we have them
5 x Co-opted	These are people selected from the community that have specific skills needed to support the governance of the school
2 x Foundation	1 Ex-officio (usually the church vicar) and 1 nominated by the church.
1 x Local Education Authority	Appointed by West Sussex County Council
2 x Parent	Elected by the parents
Head Teacher	Ex-officio, the Head Teacher always has a place on the Governing body
1 x Staff	Elected by the staff in the school.
4 x Associate Members	The governors invite these people to assist in the governance of the school because of their special skills.
Clerk	The clerk is responsible for ensuring that the governance of the school is meeting its statutory requirements and for keeping accurate records of meetings etc.

The chairman of the governing body can be contacted via email chair@steyningprimary.org.uk

What do school governors do?

“The governing body of a school is responsible for ensuring that it is run to promote pupil achievement”.

This is something lifted from a government web site; however, achievement is not just academic but is also the child’s development as a person and how they fit within the community.

School governors make important collective decisions and the governing body is answerable to parents and the community. The responsibilities of the governing body can be summarised as providing strategic management, acting as a critical friend (a phrase that is used often when talking about governors) and ensuring accountability. Specific responsibilities include:

- Promoting high standards of education and achievement
- Planning the school’s long-term future
- Setting the school’s aims and values
- Appointing senior staff including the Head Teacher
- Budgetary allocation and control

It is important to note that the day to day management of the school is the responsibility of the Head Teacher.