

Structure & Responsibilities – Governing Body and Committees

1. The Governing Body comprises 13 members including the Headteacher
2. Governors, with the exception of the Headteacher and the ex-officio member (the Priest-in-Charge), are elected or appointed to serve a four-year term.
3. The Governing Body meets as a whole body at least six times per year.
4. Members of staff and outside personnel are invited as required to attend meetings, to offer advice where the agenda dictates.

Aims and Duties of the Governing Body

The Governing Body's aim is to ensure that all our pupils "have the best possible education, tailored to their needs, interests and aptitudes." Accordingly, the Governing Body strives to safeguard the effectiveness and efficiency of the school while seeking continuous improvement by:

1. Setting strategic aims and objectives for the school through continuous self-evaluation.
2. Adopting policies to attain the set aims and objectives.
3. Setting targets for achieving the set aims and objectives.
4. Allocating resources to meet the set targets.

The Governing Body facilitates the above by:

1. Contributing towards the development of a shared vision and goals for the school.
2. Investing in the training and development of the staff and governors.
3. Emphasising enquiry, reflection and discussion of the school's performance on a regular basis.
4. Promoting the active involvement of pupils, parents and the wider community in the life of the school.
5. Ensuring that the school is a community in which everyone is able to learn.
6. Seeking best value from all available resources at all times.
7. Administering multi-cultural education and equal opportunities.

The governing body aims:

- To devise strategy to administer all directives, policies and guidance affecting the governance of the school in attaining its statutory aim and more; to provide the best education possible for all registered pupils.
- To ensure that the school's curriculum will meet the educational, social and emotional needs of all its children.
- To ensure every child makes expected or above expected progress.
- To ensure that all resources, principally including personnel, finance, premises and equipment are effectively and efficiently procured and deployed to provide best value for today's pupils and cater for anticipated demographic trends affecting the catchment.
- To provide for the realising of talents for all those who work in the school and to ensure that the staff are able to work to their strengths.
- To ensure that all income due is received and that expenditure is cost effective and provides best value for money.
- To establish and maintain a safe, stable and supportive physical environment in which all the school's staff are inspired and all pupils are motivated to learn.