

Self Evaluation & Development

This year, amongst other things, this committee has been involved in Ofsted inspection preparation reviewing results of a staff survey and working towards application for 'Governor Mark' (a new national mark setting criteria for Governor performance).

Sports Hall Management Group

This group considers issues such as staffing, facilities and lettings of the Sports Hall. It also monitors demand for community use and discusses planning and any new proposals such as an artificial pitch.

Other Roles

Some individual Governors also have specific roles. These include a 'Special Needs Governor' 'Child Protection Governor', Governor for 'Looked After Children' (ie children in care); an 'Eco School' Governor representative and a Governor who sits on the School Council.

WHO YOUR SCHOOL GOVERNORS ARE AND HOW TO CONTACT THEM

Mr P Scully (Chair) (c)	Mr R Barr (Head)
Miss C Adlington (c)	Mrs F Bainbridge (p)
Mrs A Broderick (l)	Mrs P Brooks (p)
Mrs T Broom (p)	Mrs H Gooch (c)
Mrs C Humphries (p)	Mr S Jones (p)
Mr S Knight (s)	Mr S Marsh (l)
Mr I Menary (p)	Mr R Peet (c)
Mr J Pritchett (s)	Mrs R Thompson (s)
Mrs C Warren (l)	Mrs J Needham (l)

(Key: p = Parent Governor; c = Community Governor; l = Local Authority Governor; s = Staff Governor)

They can be contacted through the school.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

When Parent Governor vacancies occur on the Governing Body, parents are notified and elections are held in which any parent of a child at the school can stand. If you are interested in becoming a different category of Governor, or in being a Governor at another Derbyshire school you can enquire by ringing 'Call Derbyshire' on **08456 058058** or via the Derbyshire County Council Website (**www.derbyshire.gov.uk**)

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Information for Parents and Students about the School Governing Body



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We believe that parents play a very significant role in their children's education. As such Brookfield looks to maintain an active partnership with parents for the benefit of all students. This leaflet provides information about the Governing Body at the school which is designed to help that partnership operate effectively. Please keep it as a future point of reference. It acts as a complement to a series of leaflets for parents produced by the school, that summarise our policies and procedures.

- Ø Attendance Matters
- Ø Anti-Bullying Matters
- Ø Behaviour Matters
- Ø School Dress Matters
- Ø Health Matters
- Ø Parent Information Matters

All of these are available from the school reception. Further subjects will be added over time. Please check the website for the latest copy.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body has a general responsibility for the conduct of the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement.

It has a largely strategic role in the running of the school, which it fulfils by:

- Ø Setting aims and objectives for the school
- Ø Adopting policies for achieving those aims and objectives
- Ø Setting targets for achieving those aims and objectives

The Governing Body monitors and evaluates progress towards achievement of these aims. The school development plan provides the main framework for the planning process and the Headteacher has responsibility for the internal organisation, management and implementation of the plan.

Governors are not expected to be involved in the detail of the day-to-day management of the school (*with reference to 'A Guide to the Law for School Governors'*)

WHO MAKES UP THE GOVERNING BODY?

The Governing Body is made up of individuals representing the following interests:

Parent Governors

Parent Governors must be parents of registered students at the school, and are elected by other parents at the school.

Community Governors

Members of the local community who have particular skills and interests representing that community.

Staff Governors

Staff Governors are elected by the school staff and must be employed at the school. They can be teachers or support staff; the Headteacher is also a member of the Governing Body.

Local Authority Governors

People appointed as Governors by the Local Authority (LA)
6 Parent Governors

AT BROOKFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL THE GOVERNING BODY IS MADE UP AS FOLLOWS

4 Community Governors
2 Teacher Governors } Staff Governors
1 Support Staff
4 LA Governors
1 Headteacher Governor
All Governors are appointed for a period of four years.

Governors meet at regular 'Full Board' meetings once every half term. At these meetings major issues are discussed and decisions made, and Governors are updated by the Headteacher on progress and concerns within the school.



WHAT DO GOVERNORS DO?

There are also a wide variety of sub-committee meetings held at regular intervals covering different aspects of school life. Below is a taste of some of these committees and the types of issues they have dealt with in the last year.

Curriculum

This committee considers the school's plans for delivering the curriculum. They study exam results 'with a fine toothcomb'. This involves looking at statistics which show exam results down to an individual student level, national statistics and full reports from heads of department evaluating their subject's performance.

Finance

This committee is responsible for the school budget and meets monthly with the Business Manager to ensure that spending is monitored. The school accounts, and those of the individual departments are considered to ensure that money allocated is spent within the fiscal year. Any large amounts of expenditure (over £10,000) are referred by the committee to the Full Board for approval.

Premises

Premises committee considers the condition of the buildings and grounds with the assistance of the Site Manager. It is kept up-to-date with any defects arising in the structure of the building and seeks to put these right. This covers a whole range of things from faulty heaters to gutters and drains!

Personnel

The Personnel committee is responsible for the appointment of new staff and matters concerning current members of staff such as requests for re-grading. At least one member is involved in interview panels together with the Headteacher or member of the Senior Leadership Team and other staff if appropriate.

Student/Governor

This committee considers issues directly concerning students such as behaviour and attendance. It monitors the school's progress on the Government's 'Every Child Matters' and outcomes of 'Being Healthy, Staying Safe, Enjoying and Achieving Economic Wellbeing and Making a Positive Contribution'. This year the committee has interviewed different groups of students on these topics.