



Information about being a Governor @ Whitley Lodge First School

What are Governors?

School governors are a group of committed individuals who help ensure that the school runs effectively and meets the needs of all its students. Governors are volunteers who play a key role in setting the strategic direction of the school, making important decisions, and ensuring that the school is properly managed.

At Whitley Lodge First School, governors work closely with the Headteacher and staff to:

- Ensure that the school provides a high-quality education for all students.
- Oversee the school's budget and financial decisions.
- Monitor the school's progress in relation to its goals.
- Provide support and challenge to the leadership team.
- Safeguard the welfare and wellbeing of students.

Governors are not involved in the day-to-day management of the school but focus on making key decisions that affect the long-term success of the school.

What do Governors do?

Some of the key responsibilities of school governors include:

1. **Strategic Direction:** Helping set the vision, values, and priorities of the school.
2. **Financial Oversight:** Approving budgets and ensuring the school spends money effectively.
3. **Performance Monitoring:** Reviewing the progress of the school and holding the headteacher to account.
4. **Supporting Staff:** Offering advice and support to the headteacher and school staff.
5. **Ensuring Safeguarding:** Making sure that all students are safe and well cared for.

Governors work as a team and attend meetings regularly to discuss school matters. They bring a range of expertise, ideas, and perspectives to these discussions.

Who are the Parent Governors?

Parent governors are members of the governing body who have children at the school. They are an essential link between the school and its community, bringing the viewpoint of parents to the decision-making table. Parent governors can also help build a positive relationship between the school and families.

Our current **Parent Governors** at WLFS are:

- **Justine Zellas**
- **Carrie Ingram**

You may see them around the school yard at drop-off and pick-up times. Feel free to say hello or approach them if you have any questions or would like to know more about the role of governors in the school.

How can you get involved?

Parents/carers are encouraged to get involved in school life and can have their say in how the school is run. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, or if you would like to learn more about what it involves, please contact the school office or speak to one of the current parent governors.

Why is the Role of Governors important?

Governors are vital to ensuring that schools meet the needs of pupils, staff, and the wider community. They work hard behind the scenes to make important decisions that affect the future of the school. As a parent, having your say through the governor structure can help make a positive difference in your child's education.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the role of school governors. We are proud of our governance team and their commitment to making our school the best it can be!