

What Do School Governors Do?

School governors are volunteers who work with the headteacher and staff to make sure every child gets the best education possible. They provide **strategic leadership, support and challenge**, and ensure the school meets its legal responsibilities.

Governors at Dothill



Ready, Respect and Safe

Why Are Governors Important?

Governors act as a *critical friend* to the school. They don't manage day-to-day teaching and the operational running of the school, but they help shape the future of the school and make sure that decisions benefit all pupils.

Working Together

Governors regularly visit the school to gain a deeper understanding of its work and priorities. During these visits, they look at key areas such as the curriculum, finance, and health and safety to ensure statutory responsibilities are met and resources are used effectively. Governors also spend time talking to pupils and staff to gather first-hand views on teaching, learning, and wellbeing. They visit classrooms to observe learning in action and speak with school leaders and other staff to discuss progress, challenges, and future plans. These visits help governors provide informed support and challenge, ensuring high standards and a safe, inclusive environment for all pupils.



Curriculum committee meeting

Quick Read Version:

- Set **targets** and promote **high standards** of education.
- Establish the **strategic framework** for school operations.
- **Monitor progress** of all pupil groups and **evaluate curriculum impact**.
- Act as a **critical friend**: offering support, advice, and constructive challenge.
- Make decisions on the school's **budget**.
- Be **accountable** for school performance to parents and the wider community.

Our Governing Body

At Dothill Primary School we are privileged to have an enthusiastic, dedicated and well-informed group of governors with a wide range of personal interests and expertise. The Governing Body works in close partnership with the Headteacher, staff and the Local Authority. Whilst the Headteacher is responsible for the day to day running of the school, the governors are involved, for example with such things as staffing, curriculum, health and safety, safeguarding, school buildings and finance. It ensures the school functions well and maintains the proper range of academic and social objectives. The Governing Body works as a team with shared responsibilities. Governors never make decisions on their own, nor do they act as individuals.

Meet the Governors

Jenny Naujeer – Chair / Parent Governor
Kerry Weston – Vice Chair / Trust Governor
Chris Weston – Local Authority Governor
Jenny Thomas – Headteacher
Julie Thornton - Co-opted Governor
Laura Benting – Parent Governor
Andrew Reeve – Parent Governor
Ali Melville – Staff Governor
Nicola Harvey – Associate governor
Vacancy – Parent Governor
Vacancy – Trust Governor
Vacancy – Co-opted Governor

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