

## THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNING BODY

### WHO WE ARE

All Governors are volunteers

### HOW WE ARE SELECTED AND WHO WE REPRESENT

ALL GOVERNORS HAVE EQUAL STATUS. We are selected by different groups e.g. Foundation Governor, Parent Governors and Staff Governors. Our central aim is the welfare of the School as a whole. We work as a corporate team.

### HEADTEACHER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The day to day management of the School;
- The implementation of policies;
- The operation of the curriculum.

### GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

To determine, monitor and keep under review, the policies, plans, targets and procedures within which the school operates. This is done through meetings, visits working parties and discussions with the Head teacher. All this is done to further the main aim of the school which is to raise the educational achievement of all its pupils.

### EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

To provide a strategic view of where the school is heading.

To act as a critical friend by providing support and advice to the school.

To hold the school to account for the standards and quality of the education it provides.

### COMMITMENT, CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONDUCT

- Being a Governor involves a significant amount of time and energy
- There are at least three termly meetings plus working parties and school visits, endless papers and emails to read
- There is on-going Governor training to keep updated on the ever changing educational scene
- Governors must observe complete confidentiality when asked to do so
- Governors can speak freely within a meeting but accept collective responsibility for all decisions
- Governors uphold the Catholic ethos

### THE CATHOLIC GOVERNOR

Must uphold the Catholic ethos of the School and ensures that children and staff all have the experience of living and working in a Catholic Christian environment;

Ensures that R.E. and the liturgical celebration of Catholic life is always an agenda item at Governors' meetings;

Has Governor training specific to being a Catholic Governor;

Wants our children to develop their talents to the highest possible level and at the same time wants to create an environment where they can now and in the future be 'Kingdom Builders' using their talents for the benefit of all.

### BECOMING A GOVERNOR

Please contact The Catholic Schools' Commission.