

## **What do Summerhill Infant School Governors Do?**

Our governing body is responsible for the strategic leadership of our school, working to ensure that we deliver a good quality education. Together with the head teacher who is responsible for the day-to-day management, we set the school's aims and policies. We also carry out a number of other important duties, including:

- overseeing the school's budget
- helping with the appointment of staff
- making sure school buildings are welcoming and safe
- setting and monitoring the school's aims and policies
- monitoring the performance of the school e.g. in key stage assessments
- advising on school policies and procedures
- providing a vital means for parents and the community to get their views heard by the governing body as a whole.

All our decisions are taken corporately. The Full Governing Body meets 6 times a year and we also have three committees (Finance & Premises, and Staff, Pupils and Curriculum, who each meet 3 times a year, and a Pay Committee which typically meets just once a year).

Governors take on the following commitments to help make sure our school is well-led:

- sharing the responsibilities of the governing body as summarised above
- attending and participating in governors' meetings. Governors are usually members of a committee as well as the Full Governing Body
- being willing when needed to take on a 'named governor' monitoring role
- visiting the school
- undergoing appropriate training

## **Contacting the Governors**

Our governors welcome constructive feedback and ideas about the strategic direction of the school. Please note that governors do not get involved in the day-to-day functioning of the school, and it is not appropriate to contact us about individual children. For these requests, please either contact your class teacher in the first instance or a member of the senior leadership team. You can also look at our complaints policy. If you would like to contact the governors, please email our Clerk, as detailed below.

## **How can I get involved?**

Periodically, vacancies arise on the governing body. The process to fill governor vacancies is determined by the type of governor. A list of governors currently in post is available on this website. If you would like more information, or are interested in joining our governing body, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Clerk, Susie Pannell at [clerk.summerhill.i@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:clerk.summerhill.i@bristol-schools.uk)