

WHAT DO GOVERNORS DO?

The term used in describing the role of the governors is 'critical friend'. The Headteacher and school depend on the governing body in the following ways:

- In a supporting role when needed.
- Monitor, with guidance from the Headteacher, the school's operational procedures within educational, financial and other standards set down by legislation.
- Developing and promoting the values and ethos of the school.
- Direct involvement in certain responsibilities such as recruitment and staff management.
- Maintenance and development of the public's capital investment in terms of the building and physical resources, including health and safety.

HOW WE ARE ORGANISED AT HAVERSHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

Every governor is a member of the Full Board of governors who meet once a term. In addition to this we are all members of a sub-committee who also meet once a term and report back to the Full Governor's Meeting. These are:

- Finance and Development
- Curriculum and Staffing

Governors also take on additional responsibilities that include:

- Special educational needs
- Maths
- Literacy
- Governor development
- Child protection

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE GOVERNING BODY?

In the Summer Term 2014, we shall be sending out letters to parents asking for nominations to fill a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you would like to be involved in the interesting and rewarding role of a Parent Governor, look out for the letter and send back your completed nomination forms before the closing date specified.

If you would like any further information on what is involved, please ask any of our governors or contact Mrs Mears on the school telephone number 01908 312673.

HAVERSHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

Introducing your Governors

Every school has a governing body to represent the public in the running of schools. School governors are made up of people who represent the different categories of Parent, Local Authority, Community and Staff, so they bring rich and varied perspectives. The committee work alongside the Head Teacher, with the staff and the Local Authority to help ensure the best possible education for the students at the school.



Mr Terry Sythes – Chair of Governors – Local Authority Governor

As a parent of children, who have enjoyed their time at the school very much and were prepared brilliantly for the transition to Middle School, I was very tempted when I was approached to become a governor of Haversham Village School. I have since become the Chair of governors and, in order to do this effectively, maintain a regular contact with the school, listening to the children reading and keeping up a dialogue with the Head and staff, offering my opinion where required. As an ex-teacher in secondary education, I enjoy very much the privilege of being a critical friend to this excellent school and its hard-working staff.

Mrs Melanie Ridgeway – Vice Chair of Governors & Co-opted Governor

I became a Governor four years ago as my youngest son was leaving the school. I realised that I would like to continue being part of the school community and felt that as a Governor I could contribute to the continuing growth of the school. I have worked in a variety of educational environments and am interested in developing leadership and team working skills. I thoroughly enjoy being a Governor and am very proud of the work carried out by all concerned with the school.

Mrs Alison Mears – Headteacher Governor

I came to Haversham Village School as Interim Headteacher in September 2006. In April '08 I was delighted to be appointed permanent Headteacher here, and am proud of all the achievements that have been made at the school over the last seven years. These would not have been possible without the support of a fantastic team of staff, governors and children. The governors have always been strong, supportive, and critical friends, as they should be! I am very grateful for their immense contribution. As well as being a teaching Headteacher, I am also a proud mother to three children aged 21, 18 and 14.

Miss Amanda Shelton – Staff Governor

I became part of Haversham Village School in September 2012, when I took on the role of the Foundation Stage Teacher. I was attracted to the school because on visiting, I instantly sensed its friendly and caring atmosphere, in which the children clearly thrived and I feel privileged to now be part of that. I became a staff governor in 2013, which has been really interesting and further highlighted the dedication and hard work of all the staff and governors at the school. I look forward to developing my role as a governor and hope to support the school in any way I can in the future!

Mr Charles Glasse – Co-opted Governor

I was a parent governor when both my daughters came to Haversham Village School. That was when they were younger. I have now been a governor for coming up to eleven years, serving on the finance committee largely because of my role as a Finance Director for a small investment firm. I have always been keen to put something back, given the great (free!) education they got at the school and hope to help future generations get an even better start.

Mr Ian Burgess – Co-opted Governor

I initially joined the governing body as the Parish Council representative, as I am a member of Haversham and Little Linford Parish Council, about 10 years ago. Since then the rules have changed and the Parish Council does not now have a standing representative. I have continued however as a Community Governor and now as a Co-opted Governor. Both of my children attended the school and received an excellent start to their educations, I am therefore pleased to be able to put something back.

As a member of the Parish Council and a teacher in a secondary school I recognise and acknowledge the high quality of education it offers to its pupils and feel that I have experiences that enable me to make a contribution to it retaining its excellent reputation.

Mrs Lisa Dunn – Co-opted Governor

My two children came to the Haversham Village School and I enjoyed getting involved first, with the Friends of the school and then, as governor. I work from home for our own farm business, which gives me flexibility to regularly come into school during school hours. I am a fully qualified solicitor but non-practising due to other commitments.

Mrs Adele Boughton – Parent Governor

I have recently joined the governors and hope to learn from their expertise. My son attends Haversham School and my daughter left in September 2012. I want to get involved to help give something back to the lovely school that my children have benefitted from. I have in the past had various roles, including working with vulnerable teenagers and the Metropolitan Police. I currently work for a local parish council as a clerk which enables me to fit my hours around school hours. I have a keen interest in social studies, and politics and plan to study them further when my son is a bit older.

Mrs Tara Henshaw – Parent Governor

I joined as a Parent Governor in January 2011. I am on the Curriculum and Staffing Committee and have a particular interest in, and some experience of, special educational needs. My career is a Physical Education Teacher at a Secondary School. I have an 8 year old son that has just left Haversham Village School and another who is 21. During my time as Governor I have attended a number of Committee meetings and accessed Governor training on subjects from safeguarding and Child Protection, to learning about the key areas of accountability and the OFSTED process.

I have learnt about many of the challenges that the school faces, as well as a greater appreciation of all of the hard work and dedication from the staff to ensure each child receives the best opportunities and a high quality of education.