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**Q & A**

### **What do you like about our school?**

*I love the sense of community at the school. The children are encouraged to help each other, be kind and respectful.*

### **What is a school governor?**

*A school governor is a volunteer member of the Governing Body whose main job is to ensure the school is run well. This includes making sure:*

- *all the students are safe and well-cared for*
- *all students are achieving well academically*
- *the school budget is spent responsibly*
- *teachers and staff are getting the support they need*
- *parents are well informed about children's progress and behaviour at school*
- *all policies and procedures are in place according to government regulations*
- *school has a clear vision and priorities for the school*

### **Who can be a school governor?**

*Anyone over 18 years old can be a school governor. Each person brings a diversity of skills and experience to the Governing Body. Everyone is very enthusiastic and committed to achieve the very best outcomes for the students, teachers and staff. It is a very rewarding role.*

### **What does a governor do?**

*All governors have a termly meeting to get a summary of how the students are achieving academically and behaviour wise, how the financial budget is being followed, review any policies and discuss any issues arising since the last meeting.*

*On top of that, there are 3 main sub-committees (Curriculum and Achievement, Finance, Engagement and Communication) that meet termly to go into detail of what they are responsible for. For example, the C&A committee will review all the STATs results to ensure the students are doing well and meet the goals the school and government have set. If the results are not good enough, the committee will ask the headmaster what he/she is going to do to make sure the results improve. If they are good, how can they be even better.*

### ***How does an adult become a school governor?***

*If you can speak to the chair of the Governing Body. If there is vacancy and your skills/experience complement the skills of the other governors, you can become a co-opted governor. You can also become a parent governor who are elected by vote from parents. This type of election happens every 2 years or so.*

### ***How would you keep our school's safe and friendly environment?***

- Ensure the headmaster and staff are well trained in safeguarding of the children*
- School has the financial resources needed to maintain the school and equipment*
- Ensure all accidents/incidents are recorded and dealt with according to the policies*
- All HSE policies and procedures are up to date and relevant staff understand them*
- Listen to concerns from headteacher/staff*
- Ensure the school staff have the resources they need to provide a fulfilling and fun learning environment*

### ***When you were our age, what was your favourite toy?***

*My favourite toy wasn't a toy. It was my dog Tika with whom I would play for hours with every day 😊*

*Thank you for answering our questions today!*

*The JLT*