

Gosforth Park First School Governing Body is recruiting

The governing body of Gosforth Park First School has the following core strategic functions:

Establishing the strategic direction, by:

- Setting the vision, values, and objectives for the school
- Agreeing the school improvement strategy with priorities and targets
- Meeting statutory duties

- Appointing the headteacher
- Monitoring progress towards targets
- Performance managing the headteacher
- Engaging with stakeholders
- Contributing to school self-evaluation

- Setting the budget
- Monitoring spending against the budget
- Ensuring value for money is obtained
- Ensuring risks to the organisation are managed

Ensuring accountability, by:

What is a School Governor?

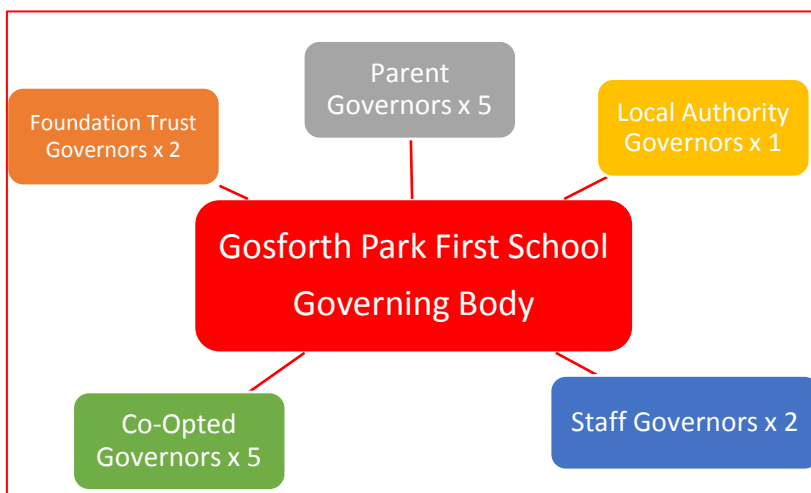
Ensuring financial probity, by:

There are many types of Governors from different parts of the school community - parents, staff, foundation, and local authority. This helps to ensure that the governing body has sufficient diversity of views and experience but does not mean that governors of a particular category "represent" that group on the governing body.

Although it is a responsible job you do not have to have a background in any particular area to be a valued member of the governing body team. What matters most is your commitment to improving what happens in school for the benefit of all the children. Training and support is available to help you understand and carry out the role. On average duties take several hours per month. At Gosforth Park First School we have about 2 or 3 meetings per term, usually after school hours.

Opportunity

We currently have three vacancies to make our full complement; one each for a local authority, foundation trust and a co-opted governor. We are looking for volunteers to join the Board especially those who have skills and expertise in Human Resources or Finance ideally in a school or public sector organisation, (although this is not essential). Training will be provided. This is an exciting time for the school and we seek to attract motivated and ambitious individuals who can help the school meet and exceed it's potential.



Parent Governors: parents of a child at the school and elected by the parents

Staff Governors: Headteacher plus a member of the teaching or support staff elected by other staff

Co-opted Governors: appointed by the governing body, bringing specific skills or links with the community

Authority Governors: recommended by the Local Authority and appointed by the governing body

Foundation Trust Governors: appointed by Trust Board or recommended to Trust from governing body

Interested in joining us?

Please provide a short statement of no more than 500 words, detailing your experience in this area, which role you would like to be considered for and any other supporting evidence for your application. Email your application to the school email address admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk and mark the email FAO Headteacher and Co-Chair of Governors.

Alternatively, paper applications may be handed into the school office. Please submit your application no later than Friday 15th of December.