



Heltwate School Governing Board

'Heltwate encourages pupils to do the best they can to achieve their potential in a safe, supportive and calm environment by a team who supports them throughout their time here'.

Heltwate's governors are committed to the school and all its pupils. They take part in training sessions and make regular visits to school, spending time in different classrooms and looking at different areas of the school, e.g. management, curriculum, finance and health and safety.

The governing board holds full governing board meetings and runs a number of committees. It is there to support the school and to be the 'critical friend'. School governors give their time voluntarily. They are appointed for a four year period. Governors are people who wish to make a positive contribution to children's education. Together with the headteacher they set the future direction for the school and decide how the school's budget should be spent. Governors provide the headteacher with support and advice. They make decisions on matters such as staffing, performance targets, school policies and the school development plan.

A school governor duties include:

- setting the strategic direction, policies and objectives
- approving the budget
- reviewing progress against the budget and objectives
- holding the headteacher to account
- challenging and supporting senior staff
- playing a part in appointing staff

Governing boards make their decisions based on the advice of its committees and are accountable for:

- the use of public funds
- the quality of education provided
- the wider contribution to the community

The full governing board meets four times per academic year. The committees within the governing board are Finance and Resources and Quality and Outcomes and each committee will meet at least once a term. There is also a Health and Safety sub-committee which meets on a termly basis and reports into the Finance and Resources committee.

There is often the opportunity to meet members of the governing board at various school events such as parents' evenings, sports days etc, although they can also be contacted through the Clerk to Governors, please email clerk@heltwate.net