

# High Wycombe Church of England School

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*Be strong and  
courageous.....for the  
Lord your God is with you*

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Role of the Governors

It is my pleasure to write this letter on behalf of the Governing Body of the School. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you something of the role of the Governors and how that is intended to help make the school a better place for our children and staff.

The Governing Body is responsible for setting the vision and strategic direction of the school. We are the legal employer of the staff and work with the Headteacher to set targets, agree budgets and develop the premises. The role of the Governor is often described as that of a 'critical friend' and in fulfilling that role we work in close cooperation with the Headteacher challenging and supporting her in making key decisions. However, at our school we believe it goes further than that as we strive to promote the caring and supportive environment that is key to the Christian ethos that our school is based upon.

Each Governing Body is legally required to have a constitution. As a Church School, ours means that our Body is made up of staff, parents, parish and diocesan representatives as well as a representative of the LA (Local Authority). These are almost all people who live or work in High Wycombe and many of us are current or past parents of children in the school. Please take a look at the Who's Who section on the website to learn more about us. The Governors are a body committed to collaboration with one another, the staff of the school, the Local Authority, the Diocese of Oxford and of course you as parents.

The Governing Body has a number of statutory functions. These are too lengthy to note here, however, we work specifically in the following areas;

Curriculum

Finance

Admissions

Personnel

Premises

Health and Safety

We are responsible for providing a broad and balanced education for our children as well as their wellbeing and safeguarding. We work with the Headteacher in agreeing a School Improvement Plan, based on an analysis of published data about the school, recommendations from the senior management team and our own observations. This forms the basis of our approach to the governing of the school and includes regular visits to the school to meet with staff and monitor how we are implementing the plan.

All the above might sound a bit technical but I hope that it will encourage some of you to consider joining us on the Governing Body in the future as and when vacancies arise. It is not only a great way to get involved in the education of our children, who are always our primary focus, but also a great opportunity to be more actively engaged in school life. Please get in touch with the office if you are interested in joining us.

*H. Robertshaw*

Mrs Holly Robertshaw

**Chair of the Governing Body**

