

Role of a Parent Governor

A **Parent Governor** plays a vital role in the governance of a school by bringing the perspective of parents and carers to the governing body. Here are the key points about their role:

1.

Representation:

- Parent governors bring valuable knowledge and perspectives from the parent body to the governing body.
- They represent the interests of all parents and carers, not just their own child or family.

2.

Decision-Making:

- They participate in making strategic decisions that affect the school and its pupils.
- Parent governors operate like any other governor, acting in the best interest of the school as a whole rather than individual families.

3.

Election and Appointment:

- Parent governors are elected by other parents and carers of pupils at the school.
- If there are not enough candidates to hold an election, the governing body can appoint parent governors directly.

4.

Responsibilities:

- Attend governing body meetings regularly.
- Contribute to discussions on school policies, improvement plans, budgets, and other strategic matters.
- Monitor the school's performance and hold school leaders to account.
- Support the school's vision and ethos, including its distinctive Catholic character if applicable.

5.

Commitment:

- Parent governors need a strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for all pupils.
- They must be willing to learn, ask questions, and work collaboratively with other governors and school leaders.

6.

Conduct:

- Parent governors must adhere to the governing body's code of conduct.
- They must declare any conflicts of interest and act ethically in all their duties.

Summary

Living and working as Jesus taught us.

Parent governors are crucial in ensuring that the parent voice is heard in strategic decision-making at the school, helping to improve outcomes for pupils while acting in the school's best interest overall.

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