The Role of the Governing Body

Governors play an important role in setting the strategic direction of the school along with the Headteacher and senior leadership team. Governors do not manage the operation of the school, but they do oversee its development and aim to support the school in providing a high standard of education for all pupils. Governors set the aims and objectives for the school and set the policies and targets for achieving those aims and objectives. They monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making and act as a source of challenge and support to the headteacher. As the accountable body for the school, the governing body has three key functions:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos, and strategic direction.
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well spent.

The Governors have a variety of skills and backgrounds that provide the school with a wide range of expertise and support. They are made up of a mixture of parents/carers (voted in by parents/carers), school staff (voted in by staff), co-opted governors and a local authority representative alongside the Head Teacher.

The Full Governing Body (FGB) meets once each half term. There are no formal committees, however single-focus working groups may be occasionally delegated for specific tasks as required, with all outcomes reported through FGB meetings. FGB meetings are open to the public with minutes available except for matters considered confidential. Governors hold a range of link governor roles pertinent to current school and educational priorities such as Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), Early Years, Curriculum, Health & Safety, Finance, Sustainability, Pupil Premium and Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI).

The Governing Body of West Green Primary School is committed to providing the best education and school experience for every child at our school. Should you wish to share any thoughts or ideas with them, please contact the parent governors or the Chair through the school office or via the 'Contact – get in touch' tab.

Further guidance can be found by clicking this link: DfE guidance on Governing bodies