



Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery

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The Governors' Role at Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery

What do Governors do?

The Governing Body at Broadbent Fold work as a team to ensure the school provides excellent high-quality education. Raising educational standards in school is a key priority and the best chance of happening is when there are high expectations of what pupils can achieve. Governors promote effective ways of teaching and learning when setting the school aims and policies. They do this together with the head teacher, who is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school.

Every school must have a governing body. The membership will vary according to the type of school. The governing body has some discretion in the numbers of governors and include;

- Parents elected by parents at the school.
- Staff elected by headteacher/SLT at the school.
- The head teacher is entitled to be a staff governor without an election.
- Persons appointed by Tameside as the local education authority.
- Additionally: community and controlled schools have at least one community governor who is appointed by other members of the governing body.

Broadbent Fold informs all stakeholders if there are vacancies for parent or community governors. Usually, a governor is appointed for a period of four years but may subsequently be eligible for re-appointment or re-election. The governing body is accountable for the performance of the school to parents and the wider community. It also:

- Plans the school's future.
- Selects the headteacher.
- Makes decisions on the school's budget.
- Monitors the effectiveness of the national curriculum.
- Decides how the school can encourage pupil's spiritual, moral and social development.
- Ensures the school provides a safe and happy environment for all its pupils, including those with special needs.



- Following up inspection reports is an important job. Governors should try to be ahead of the game - identifying problems and tackling them in advance.

Governors are at the heart of how a school operates. It is important they get things right. How they do their job effects the interests of pupils, staff morale and how the school is seen by parents and others in the community.

Governor's support and challenge the headteacher by gathering views, asking questions and deciding what's best for the school. They must be loyal to decisions taken by the governing body as a whole, as long as they act within the law governors are protected from any financial liability for the decisions they take.

How to contact the Governing Body: All correspondence for Governor's attention should be addressed to: Mrs Jacqui McFie Chair, C/O Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery, Tennyson Ave, Dukinfield, SK16 5DP

