

THE GOVERNING BODY

The school governors are a group of volunteers who support the head teacher and staff in leading the school. Whilst the head teacher is responsible for the day to day running of the school, the governing body is there in a strategic management role to support the head teacher in ensuring high standards in teaching and learning.

Composition

Clitheroe St. James' governing body is made up of 16 governors. Three are members of staff, three are parent governors, one is a local authority governor and nine are foundation governors. All governors have a strong link to St James' via the school (as staff or parents), via the church or via other community links. They all share a passion for promoting the very best learning environment for the children at St. James.

Experience

Our current school governors have a wide range of skills and experiences that help support the school. Some are involved in leadership and teaching in primary school whilst others lead and teach in secondary schools. We have governors who are involved in leadership within the church and governors with experience and skills in building development, health and safety, catering and other areas which impact on school life. All governors bring a range of professional and personal skills and experiences to the role.

Responsibilities.

The governing body has a whole range of statutory and legal responsibilities as well as ensuring the strategic development of the school. The full governing body meets at least once a term to discuss a range of issues. There are also three main committees which meet at least once a term. These committees are:-

Commercial: This committee focuses on how the school can best serve the community in which it is a part, the extended services that the school offers including our before and after school club, Jimmy's and the holistic marketing of the school,

Curriculum: This committee focuses on teaching and learning, assessment and attainment, pupils tracking and subject/curriculum policies.

Resources: This committee focuses on budgets and the best use and value of all resources including finances, the buildings and staffing.

Governors are also involved in other activities including specialist committees and panels that meet when needed, appraisal of the head teacher and recruitment of head teacher and other staff. They visit the school at other times and offer support to all concerned with St. James'.

If you would like to know more about the governing body or have a query or question for them then please contact me via the school office.

Mark Clayton, Chair of Governors