

What do we do?

The purpose of the governing body is to provide the best possible education for their pupils by:

- Setting the school's values, and strategic aims, agreeing plans and policies and making creative use of resources
- Monitoring and evaluating performance, acting as a critical friend to the headteacher to support and challenge them in managing the school
- Ensuring that the school is accountable to the children and parents it serves, to its local community, to those who fund and maintain it, as well as to the staff it employs
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure that its money is well spent

How do we do what do we do?

The full Governing Body meets every half term to discuss the School Improvement Plan, the Headteacher's Report, to review policies and accept decisions taken in any sub Committee meetings.

Governors also visit the school to monitor progress against the School Improvement Plan.

Copies of the Minutes of our meetings are available in the main entrance

Why not join us?

No formal qualifications or requirements are needed! If you have enthusiasm and can commit to a meeting for a couple of hours each term, you care about improving children's educational attainment and want to contribute to the local community. Please contact us for more information on how you apply to join our Governing Body.

How can you contact us?

The governors are very conscious that they should be accessible to parents. If you have any concerns or would like the governors to raise any issues at meetings please feel free to approach us at any time.

All parent Governors are happy for you to speak to us at any time you see us at school.

There is a Governor representative at each of the Parent Evenings and most events that we hold throughout the year in school please check the school newsletter for dates of meetings.

Alternatively you can write to or email us at the addresses shown below



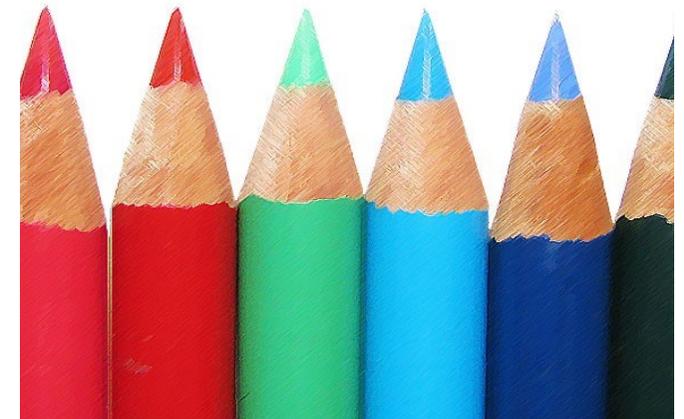
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GOVERNING BODY INFORMATION



An information leaflet for
visitors, parents and carers.

Who We Are

Mrs Frances Edmondson : Head Teacher

I have been Head Teacher of Derwent Vale Primary and Nursery School since 2007. My job is very varied from teaching classes which I love; meeting with parents for a whole range of reasons to leading the school ensuring our pupils leave Derwent Vale as fully rounded young people.

Miss Kirsty Nichol : Staff Governor

I have worked at Derwent Vale for five years in the Early Years Unit. This is made up of pupils from Reception and Nursery. I have been staff representative on the governors for three years.

Mrs Kerri Black : Chair of Governors

I was a Parent Governor for over 5 years before I was elected Chair in 2015, I have 2 sons Ethan and Jamie who attend the school. I became a governor because I wanted to be more involved with the school and to 'give a bit more'. I enjoy it very much.

Mr. John Dixon : Vice Chair of Governors

I was nominated to be a Governor by the LEA and have been a governor at Derwent Vale for many years. I have spent all my working life in education, I am amazed at the changes that have been made in education and I am enjoying the challenge of being involved.

Mrs Joanne Foster : Parent Governor

I have lived in the village all my life. My son attended Derwent Vale and my daughter is currently in year 3. I applied to be a Governor so I was able to be more involved with the school and to give something back.

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Mrs Marie Taylor : Parent Governor

I have lived in Clifton for 15 years. My son attends the school and my daughter will soon be starting. I was pleased when the position of Parent Governor came up and have been very impressed with the enthusiasm of everyone involved with the school.

Mr. Joe Holliday : Local Authority Governor

On leaving school at the age of fifteen I joined Cumbria County Council Highways Department and worked there for forty years, as a Highways Foreman and latterly as a Resource Manager, retiring in 1999. In 2001 I was elected to Cumbria County Council and it was then that I became a governor at Derwent Vale School. Having been here for fifteen years I have seen the school grow in numbers and stature to what we have now. I am pleased and proud to have been a part of the team, Governors and Staff, which has brought these improvements about.

Mrs Kim Birch : Co-opted Governor

I have re-elected as Governor having served a prior 4 year term. I very much enjoy being involved in the school. I live locally in Stainburn and I am a working mum of 2 boys, Harrison who has just left Derwent Vale and Hayden who is currently in year 5.

Ms Cheryl Day : Co-opted Governor

I have been a governor for a couple of years. I live in the village and have 3 children who all attend Derwent Vale. The school has a great atmosphere and is a valued part of the community. I enjoy being part of the Governing Body.

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Mr. Paul Fowler : Co-opted Governor

After recently moving to the area and wanting to get to know the community and how the school worked, I was delighted there was a vacancy at the school for a Governor and had no hesitation applying for the role. This is my first appointment as governor.

Mrs Lorraine Hamer : Co-opted Governor

I have been a Parent Governor for a few years now. I decided to get involved when my children began going to Derwent Vale and it has been one of the best decisions I have ever made! Being able to 'give something back' is very rewarding.

Miss Marnie Jackson : Co-opted Governor

As well as being a parent to 1 child attending the school and another registered to join in 2017. I feel I have a number of skills I can offer the school and governing body though my community links as the local rugby team coach and also in my work as the Manager/Trustee of a Charity.

Mrs Celia Perry : Co-opted Governor

I have been a Governor at Derwent Vale for 2 years, which I really enjoy. I am married to Bill and have 2 grown up sons and 4 grandchildren all at Junior School. I am also a Parish Councillor and help to run our Village Hall.

Mrs Pamela Storey : Co-opted Governor

I have been a community governor now for over four years. I was interested in becoming a governor as my family was new to the village, my son Matthew had just started at Derwent Vale and I wanted to get involved with the school. My daughter Hannah now also attends and I enjoy playing a greater part in school life.