



## **Governor News – 13/3/2015**

The governing body at St Matthew's works in a strategic role throughout the school. In this first report, I'll outline what governors do.

School governors have three main roles:

1. Ensuring that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined;
2. Holding the headteacher to account in raising standards and promoting the well-being of pupils
3. Ensuring the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources.

In order to carry out these roles, governors meet as a full group about 5 times a year, and each governor is also a member of a smaller committee (Curriculum or Resources) which meets about once a term.

Governors also visit the school, attend training to update their knowledge and skills, and can be members of interview panels when selecting new members of staff. Governors have also recently been involved in the process to select a new school meals provider, and in the selection of the e-schools communication system.

Governors are parents, members of staff, and members of the local community.

Last week, in a full governing body meeting, governors:

1. Audited and updated their child protection knowledge;
2. Received an educational standards report from the Primary Adviser attached to St. Matthew's;
3. Looked at new ways of reporting training and school visits.

If you would like to know more about the governors, or have any questions, please contact Mrs Maskell in the office, who is the Clerk to Governors.