

AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

At Stafford Manor High School we aim to:

- Create an environment in which we respect each other and where everyone is safe and encouraged to be healthy.
- Promote learning that is enjoyed and achievement that is valued.
- Prepare students to become responsible citizens and lead independent lives.
- Work in partnership with parents and our community.

The Governing Body at Stafford Manor High School is made up of Parents, Staff, Local Authority and Members of the Community.

They are a very supportive group of people who are committed to raising standards in all areas of the school and wider community.

We have included a brief outline of Governor Responsibilities in this leaflet but more detailed information and training will be provided if appointed.

The governing body comprises of three committees:

1. Progress & Learning Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Strategic Committee

If you are interested in any of these areas or have skills that you feel would be beneficial to the school through a Governor role, then we would be pleased to hear from you.

Each committee meets twice per term (once per half term) meetings generally run from 5pm. A Full Governors meeting is held once per term, where all decisions of Committee meetings are ratified.

We feel this is an excellent opportunity for parents to become fully involved in the school and appreciate the support the Governing Body provides.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A GOVERNOR

The Governing Body has three very clear roles.

These are set out in The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances)(England) Regulations 2013.

The three roles of the Governing Body and its major tasks are:

- Ensuring that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined;
- Ensuring that the Head Teacher performs his or her responsibilities for the educational performance of the school;
- Ensuring the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources.

A CRITICAL FRIEND

The Governing Body is expected to give support to the Headteacher and staff. That support is clearly defined in the phrase 'critical friend'.

"A 'critical friend' offers support, constructive advice, a sounding board for ideas, a second opinion on proposals and help where needed. But a critical friend may also challenge, ask questions, seek information, improve proposals and so seek to arrive at the best solution."

ACCOUNTABILITY ROLE

The school is an important institution in any community. It has a major impact on the future of the younger generation.

The Headteacher and professional staff are accountable to the Governing Body for the school's performance.



Stafford Manor
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Should you have any queries or would like to arrange an informal chat, please do not hesitate to contact

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