



‘Inspired to learn, grow and flourish within our Christian family’

Roles of a Governor

As a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School our governing board has twelve members and is made up as follows:

- Parent Governors : 2
- Headteacher : 1
- Staff Governor : 1
- Local Authority Governor : 1
- Foundation Governors : 6 (Appointed by Blackburn Diocese, with 3 nominated by the Principal Officiating Minister and 3 nominated by the Parochial Church Council)
- Ex officio : 1

Christian values underpin everything that happens in school, children, staff and governors living them out in our daily lives.

We are blessed to have a brilliant, inspirational Headteacher in Mrs Helen Brooks who leads a talented, dedicated and committed team of teachers and support staff who support a shared vision and mission for all the school community of ***"Inspired to learn, grow and flourish within our Christian family"***. As a governor herself, Mrs Brooks has a pivotal role in realising the governor's vision, creating a learning environment where children are exposed to outstanding learning and teaching, developing a lifelong joy of learning.

Children who are happy, resilient, not afraid to 'have a go' and make mistakes, having the confidence to try again. We also want all our talented and dedicated team of staff to achieve and feel fulfilled in an atmosphere of the highest professional standards, where everyone is valued and encouraged alongside structured opportunities for training and development.

The knowledge, talents, skills, enthusiasm and experience that governors from all walks of life bring to the governing body no doubt enhances and supports future school development and improvement. This ensures that the school team prepares our children for their future, having high expectations and aspirations for every child, regardless of their innate ability or background, by helping them achieve their full potential as part of the Christian family who have a love and appreciation of life as members of the wider community. We are extremely fortunate in the support, guidance and commitment given by Father Jordan McDermott in providing spiritual guidance for all members of this community and worship both in school and church.

While the Headteacher is responsible for the day to day management of the school, governors have an important strategic role with specific responsibilities to maintain and improve the school's standards of education and this can be divided into four key areas:

- setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic aims, agreeing plans and policies and making creative use of resources.
- monitoring and evaluating performance, being a source of challenge and support to the Headteacher and senior leaders, holding them to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the performance management of staff
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure money is well spent
- ensuring that the school is accountable to the children and parents/carers it serves, to its local community, to those who fund and maintain it, as well as to the staff it employs.

The Governing Body has decided to delegate certain responsibilities to Committees the main ones being:

Curriculum and Standards

Resources

Vision, Values and Ethos

Each of these committees meets independently of the Full Governing Board three times a year and reports to the Full Governing Board.

As governors of Christ Church we are ambassadors for the school in our local community. It is our privilege to commend and publicise the school to all we come into contact with, maintaining appropriate confidentiality.

All the children who attend Christ Church, Charnock Richard are special, unique and precious. As a governing body we have high expectations and aspirations not only for their academic achievement and attainment but perhaps most importantly in their personal development and emotional well-being that allows them to grow into happy, confident, resilient and responsible young people ready to go on to the next stage of their educational journey and become the person God truly wants them to be.

'I can do all things because Christ gives me strength' Phil 4:13