

# Harnham Infants School Governing Body

Harnham Infants' Governing Board is made up of:

- 1 Headteacher
- 1 Staff Governor
- 5 Parent Governors
- 1 Local Authority Governor
- 5 Co opted Governors
- 1 Associate Governor

Governors come from various professional backgrounds and contribute different skills. A mixture of experienced and newly appointed Governors provides the benefits of both continuity and a fresh approach to Governance.

The full Body meets at least once a term. In the intervening weeks the Committees: Finance, Curriculum, Welfare and Health and Safety, meet to give detailed consideration to issues and make recommendations to the full Board.

Members of the Finance Committee are concerned with the financial management of the school. They receive detailed information from the Headteacher and the School Business Manager throughout the year. The Health and Safety Committee meet to discuss issues and matters relating to the premises. An internal audit is carried out by professional auditors and their job is to scrutinise in more detail the work of the financial officers of the school.

The members of the Staffing Committee consider matters of staffing and pay and conditions. Applicants for all teaching posts are interviewed by Governors.

The Curriculum Committee is at the heart of the school as it deals with all matters concerned with the educational provision. Its members have to keep up to date with many curriculum issues and decide on the impact of these at Harnham Infants. This Committee meets with teaching staff on a regular basis, hears of their work and joins some of their lessons.

All meetings are minuted and are circulated to all Governors. The Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and members of the senior leadership team are fully involved in the work of these Committees and act in partnership with the Governors.

Individual Link Governors liaise with Subject Lead teachers throughout the year and report back to Governors at Full Governing Body meetings.