

Welcome

Here you can find out more about your school governors and the work of your governing body.

Our Governors

Our Instrument of Governance provides for 8 governors and the Governing body is made up as follows:

Headteacher – Cheryl Wass

1 x Local authority [LA] Governor

LA governors are appointed by Suffolk County Council

1 Jenny Carpenter (Chair)

1 x Foundation Governors

Foundation governors are those who are responsible for the Church link, as Cavendish is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled (C.E.V.C.) Primary School. The Church is responsible for electing these governors.

1 Rev Stuart Mitchell (Ex Officio)

2 x Parent Governor

Parent Governors are elected from the parent body.

1 Mervyn Douglas (vice chair)

2 Sarah Samways

1 x co-opted governor

1 Mrs Rebecca Fitzpatrick

1 x Staff governor

1 Alison Lewis

The term of office for governors is four years.

What Cavendish school governors do:

- All governors are volunteers and their main focus is to try to ensure that Cavendish CEVC Primary School is the best school for every pupil.
- A Governor is not the same as a volunteer helper who may come into the school and help on a regular basis, although obviously they can do this too.
- They work closely with Miss Wass and her staff. They monitor data which they analyse to see how the school is performing. They also analyse the finances and try to ensure that monies spent are used as efficiently as possible

- They support Miss Wass's vision and direction of the school including planned curriculum coverage and the safety and well-being of children.
- They have overall financial responsibility but they have to work within a budget which is set by Suffolk County Council and the government.
- There are various committees that Governors also take part in:
 - Curriculum
 - Personnel
 - Premises / Health and Safety
 - Finance
 - Faith Forum
 - Pupil Discipline
 - Appeals
 - Head teacher's Performance Review

Through these committees governors have the opportunity to look in depth at matters within the school.

- Some governors have specific roles to cover such as Literacy, Numeracy, Science, PE, Modern Languages, SEND, Able and Gifted children and Safeguarding.
- The Whole Governing Body meets once a term. Items on the agenda can be working on the School Improvement Plan, budget monitoring, discussing pupil progress, papers on national issues that are sent from the LA and the approval of Educational visits. They also discuss the Head's report which gives them day to day information on the running of the school.
- Governors have a vital role to play in the effective running of the school.

We like to hear from you if you have either praise or concerns.

Please contact your governors by:

- 1 Ringing the school and ask that a governor returns your call, 01787 280279
- 2 Writing a letter 'For the attention of the Governors', and send it via the school office.
- 3 Email the School office – admin@cavendish.suffolk.sch.uk and ask that a governor contacts you.

Please note in the event of a complaint, school procedure should be followed.

Your views are really important and help us to run the school effectively.