



Abbey Hill Governing Body Information

All governors at Abbey Hill are volunteers. The governing body is made up of 9 governors who are a mixture of Local Authority governors, parent governors and staff governors. We also have people from the local community called co-opted governors. Each member brings their own viewpoint, ideas and skills to the governing body

Governors are responsible for making sure the school is run well and they work closely with the head teacher, who is responsible for the school's day-to-day management. Governors work hard to make sure every child gets the best possible life chances while they are at our school. This includes making sure the school budget is spent in the best way and that learning and behaviour are of a high standard.

One of the most important jobs of the governing body is to hold the school to account. Governors do this by supporting the head teacher in making plans for the school. They act as critical friends by asking questions and finding out about the work of the school for themselves on governor visits.

Governors attend three governing body meeting each term. These meetings focus on key areas of school life such as school improvement plans, standards, pupils' well-being, safeguarding, finance and staffing. Governors also take part in training sessions to help them make the best possible decisions about the school.

Governors make sure the school has done everything it must do legally e.g. health & safety, safeguarding and child protection, writing school policies and delivering tests to pupils. Governors also spend time in school, talking to children and staff, seeing the work of the school first hand and joining in school trips and events.

Governors can be contacted through the school office, the head teacher or any member of staff.

Our governing body is made up of 9 people:

- 2 parent governors who are elected by parents and carers of children at the school
- 4 co-opted governors who are chosen by the governing body based on their skills and experience
- 1 Local Authority governor who is nominated by the Local Authority and chosen by the governing body based on skills and experience
- 1 staff governor who is elected by staff at the school
- The head teacher who is a permanent member of the governing body

Name	Type of Governor	Start Date	End Date	Business or Pecuniary Interests	Governor Link Area
Ms Helen Chambers	Head Teacher	n/a	n/a	None	Day to day management of the school
Mr Karl Simpson Chair of Governors	Local Authority	30.4.2018	29.4.2022	None	IT, school website and e-safety, P.E. and Sports Premium & Safeguarding,

					Staff Wellbeing, Anti-bullying, Remote Learning, Complaints, Safer recruitment.
Mrs Zoe Godfrey Vice chair	Parent	25.11.2019	24.11.2023	None	Maths, SEND, Staff Appraisal
Miss Louise Allsop	Co-opted	12.11.2018	11.11.2022	None	R.E. and SMSC, Governor training coordinator, EYFS, Appraisal (QA)
Miss Emma Ashley	Co-opted (Staff)	15.03.2019	14.03.2023	None	Health and Safety
Miss Denise McGarvey	Co-opted	1.11.2016	31.10.2020	None	Literacy and Sports Premium, Head Teacher Appraisal
Vacancy 1	Parent				
Vacancy 2	Co-opted				

Governors are helped and advised by a clerk to governors who also takes minutes of governors' meetings. Our clerk is Joanne Garbett.

Governors must also focus on three main areas to make sure the school keeps on getting better and better. They are:

1. Making sure the school has a clear vision and plan for how it will keep on improving
2. Holding the head teacher to account for how well children learn and the standards they achieve, and how well staff achieve the targets set for them
3. Overseeing how well the school manages its budget and making sure money is well spent.