



**NEW WOODLANDS SCHOOL – GOVERNING BODY
COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

At our meeting held on 7th March 2017 we agreed to establish two main committees to help assist us to deal with our business.

We have established a Finance Committee which will focus specifically upon matters relating to finance, staffing and a Pupil Progress and Welfare committee which will allow a focus upon pupil progression, achievement and premises.

This will then allow us to use our time at the governing body to focus upon the strategic issues and business of the school.



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Our Governing Body is led by a very experienced and well established Chair of Governors

The Governing Body includes:

- The Headteacher
- Parent Governors
- A staff Governor
- Co-opted Governors
- A Governors nominated by Lewisham Council

Parent governors are elected to serve on the governing body by the parents and normally serve for four years.

Our staff governors is elected by the staff of the school and also normally services for four years.

Co-opted governors are invited onto the governing body, by the other governors, to add areas of expertise and to represent a cross section of the local community.

The governing body is responsible for many important decisions in the running of the school. These include:

- Appointing the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team
- Agreeing the aims of the school curriculum and ensuring the national curriculum is implemented
- Determine how the school's budget is to be used each year
- Ensuring the safety and well-being of the whole school community



The governors keep in regular contact with parents through the newsletter and by visiting the school and attending school functions and events.

A full list of governors is available from the school office. You can contact the governing body by writing to the Clerk via the School Office.

Governing body meetings are held once a term in the evening. The agenda for the meeting includes items from the Local Authority, directives and initiatives from the government and school based issues.

The dates of the governing body meetings and information about the work of the governing body are published. Minutes of the meetings are available for public inspection on our school website.

DETAILS OF OUR GOVERNORS

Governing Body Structure

Reconstituted	14 th January 2015
Governor Places	11
Headteacher	1
Staff	1
Parents	2
Co-opted	6
Local Authority	1

Chair of the Governing Body - Michelle Fenniche

Committee Structure - Finance Committee

Pupil Progress and Welfare Committee

The governing body appoints governors to working parties as and when the need arises. These small groups of governors and members of the school leadership work together to; review key policies, to plan the budget each spring and respond to new legislation, for example on British Values. Working parties may invite other stakeholders such as parents/carers or children to ensure a range of expertise is available. Once the working parties have completed their work and reported back to the main governing body, they are disbanded.

Pupil Discipline/Staff Grievance/Staff Discipline/Appeals/Complaints

These meet as and when required and the membership of three governors is selected according to a set criteria and depending upon what is being considered.

