

Introduction to our Governing Body

George Eliot Primary School governors include volunteers from the local community with useful skills and experience to offer, elected parent governors, the Headteacher and two members of staff elected by their colleagues. Our shared commitment is to ensuring that our school makes best possible use of all the resources available to us (both human and financial) for the benefit of the children whose education is entrusted to us, enabling every child to learn and make progress, to the fullest extent possible, each academic year.

We carry out our responsibilities by examining data about children's progress and achievement, always seeking to ensure that the progress made by children in our school compares favourably with the progress being made by children of the same age at primary schools in London and across the country. In doing so, we also look at particular groups of children, to ensure that both boys and girls, children of all ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, and children with special educational needs are making good progress. We also work to ensure that the school provides a safe, welcoming, supportive and happy environment in which children enjoy learning.

The Governing Body is responsible, with the Headteacher, for the School Development Plan in which the school sets out its targets for continuous improvement and development, and how those targets will be met. We are also responsible for the school's various policies. It is also part of our role to ensure that the school actively seeks, and takes account of, the views of pupils, parents and the local community.

Much of the Governing Body's work is carried out through its committees. Some governors also hold 'link roles' with individual year groups or particular areas of the curriculum, such as English and Maths. Link governors meet regularly with the most relevant teachers to monitor the school's progress in these areas and report back to the Governing Body.

The Governing Body is responsible for holding the Headteacher to account, and also for ensuring that the school as a whole is accountable to parents and the local community. To that end, we seek to be transparent in everything we do (subject, of course, to respecting confidentiality).

You can contact any member of the Governing Body via the school office or by emailing the Clerk to the Governing Body: clerkgeorgeeliot@yahoo.co.uk

We very much welcome parents' comments and suggestions (though please bear in mind that the Governing Body's role is a strategic one, and we cannot deal with issues regarding individual children except in certain very specific circumstances).

Elaine El-Essawy (Chair of Governors)

Robert Allan (Vice-chair)