

# School Governor Information 2021 / 2022

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## What do Governors do?

The governing body works with the executive leaders to set the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school. It holds the executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, the performance management of staff, and oversees the financial performance of the school, ensuring money is spent correctly and for the good of all pupils.

## Who are the Governors?

Governors are volunteers drawn from various areas of the community. They challenge and support the school in a proportionate, fair manner on behalf of all children and families. At Priory we have places for up to 16 Governors: 6 community governors, 3 co-opted governors, 4 parent governors and 3 staff governors. Governors usually serve for a minimum of 4 years, but many enjoy the role and continue long after this initial term of office. All governors are required to be DBS cleared.

## Information about our Governors and the Committees:

- At Priory the governing body delegates certain responsibilities to two sub-committees: the Resources, Audit and Risk Committee which meets 4 times a year (and is primarily concerned with managing the school's budget) and the Curriculum and Standards Committee which meets 3 times a year (and is responsible for educational standards).
- Additionally there are 3 full governors meetings per year.
- The current Chair of Governors is Dr Phil Range and the Vice Chair is Stephen Grafton.
- The Chair of the Resources, Audit and Risk Committee is Stephen Grafton and the Vice Chair is to be appointed shortly.
- The Curriculum and Standards Committee is chaired by Dr Phil Range and the Vice Chair is Peter Faulkner.
- Staff governors offer a school employee perspective. The current staff governors are Peter Faulkner, Cheryl Barker and Elle Diamond-Bugler. Alex Willis is an Associate Governor.
- There is also a small sub-group of members and external advisors that make up the Academy Trust.
- The governors are supported by Sue Spencer, Clerk to the Governors.

**If you are interested in becoming a Governor at Priory or would like to know more about school governance, or just speak to a Governor, then please initially contact Mrs Sue Spencer.**

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**Dr Phil Range**  
**Chair of Governors**