

The Role of the Governors

Governors are the strategic leaders of schools and academies, and have a vital role to play in ensuring that every child gets the best possible education. The role of the school governor is demanding but very rewarding and a good way to give back to your community. School governing bodies are responsible for working with the school to ensure that it delivers a good quality education. Together with the headteacher, who is responsible for day-to-day management, they set the school's aims and policies. The role of governor is largely a thinking and questioning role, not a doing role. Governors must maintain a strategic view, and not get involved in the day-to-day management and operational responsibilities within school. The headteacher is responsible for the internal organisation, management and control of the school and the implementation of the strategic framework established by the governing board.

There are no specific qualifications need to be a governor but there are certain expectations:

- Commitment to ongoing development and to getting to know the school well, including effective induction.
- Commitment to playing an active part whilst working as part of a team.
- Ability to provide robust challenge and hold school leaders to account whilst listening to and respecting the views of others.
- Focus on a strategic role rather than involvement in operational matters

Our Governing Body

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of Thames Primary Academy Governing Body are

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The also carry out a number of other duties

- Determining how the school's budget is spent
- The appointing and dismissing of staff
- Hearing appeals and grievances
- Forming policy on the school's curriculum
- Setting standards for pupils' behaviour and discipline
- Making sure school buildings are welcoming and safe
- Setting and monitoring the school's aims and policies

We have 3 Trustees Mr S Lannister, Mr J Ashmore and Mrs L Barugh who are the Directors of Thames Primary Academy. There are also a total of 12 Governors (3 of which are the Trustees) who together make up our Governing Body. We have 2 Staff Governors, 2 Parent Governors, 4 Community Governors and 3 Co-opted Governors. The Headteacher is also a Governor.

We have a main Full Governor meeting every term which deals with the main (Strategic) business of the Academy. The attendance at which for the last 3 years is required to be published on the school website. There is also an additional Full Governors meeting which deals with Finance, Resources and Premises (Business). All Governors are members of both Committees. There is a Health & Safety Committee that meets 3 times a year. This consists of staff members and 1 Governor representative - Mr Harvie.

The Chair of Governors is Mr Jim Talbot and the Vice Chair Mrs Lynn Barugh. **Both can be contacted in writing at Thames Primary Academy.**

Our Governors

Name	Term of Office	Type of Governor	Attendance at Full Governor Meetings		
			2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Jim Talbot (Chair)	31/03/17 - 30/03/21	Community Governor	2 out of 3	5 out of 5	4 out of 6
Lynn Barugh (Vice-Chair/Trustee)	06/12/18 - 05/12/22	Community Governor	1 out of 3	4 out of 5	5 out of 6
Sean Lannister (Chair of Trustees)	04/04/16 - 03/04/20	Community Governor	1 out of 3	5 out of 5	5 out of 6
Jason Ashmore (Trustee)	07/07/15 - 05/11/19	Community Governor	2 out of 3	5 out of 5	5 out of 6
Andrew Harvie	17/12/15 - 15/12/19	Staff Governor	2 out of 3	4 out of 5	4 out of 6
Debbie Straine Francis	06/12/18 - 05/12/22	Co-opted Governor	3 out of 3	5 out of 5	4 out of 6
Lisa Wells	07/02/19 - 06/02/23	Parent Governor	n/a	n/a	4 out of 4
Chris Wolfe	20/02/18 - 19/02/22	Co-opted Governor	n/a	3 out of 4	6 out of 6
Laurance Hancock	07/02/19 - 06/02/23	Co-opted Governor	n/a	n/a	4 out of 4
Helen Lewis	07/02/19 - 07/02/23	Staff Governor	n/a	n/a	4 out of 4
Debbie Brown	14/03/19 - 13/03/23	Parent Governor	n/a	n/a	4 out of 4
Tracy Harrison - Headteacher					
Sandra Wolfe - Clerk to Governors					