

## **The Role and Duties of the Governing Body at Acorns Primary School**

As a Governing Body we have three key statutory duties which apply to all community schools. These are:

- To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school
- To hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- To oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent

These are big responsibilities and all governors take on these when joining the Governing Body. They also agree a code of conduct which applies to all those who take on a public office.

### **How are we organised?**

Our Governing Body is organised into committees. There are two main ones and each governor is a member of at least one of these. The Resources Committee considers finance, staffing and health and safety. The Curriculum and Standards Committee considers all matters to do with curriculum and assessment, both that which is taught in the classroom and also the important activities that happen outside the classroom experience. These committees meet once a term as does the Full Governing Body. There are a number of smaller committees which meet as and when it is necessary.

At Acorns Primary School, we are committed to having an active governing body that is diverse and inclusive and reflective of the community we serve.

On an annual basis, we ask all governors to complete an anonymous equality and diversity questionnaire. More information can be obtained from the school office.

## **How do we, as Governors, learn about Acorns?**

To be able to make informed decisions about what is best for your children we need to make sure we know as much as possible about the school. We do this in a number of ways. Some of us are linked to classes and visit these to see first-hand what your children experience. As well as this, individual governors have responsibility for certain topics – often linked to their own experience – for example Health and Safety. They will visit school and speak to members of staff in school who have responsibility for these areas.

Governors also attend regular training to ensure that they are up to date with developments and best practice.

You will be able to see from the individual profiles that we are very lucky to have governors who have a wide range of experience. They all work hard and are committed to ensuring the very best for your children.