

# PARENT GOVERNOR FACT SHEET

The Cherwell School Governing Body (GB) consists of parent governors, staff governors, community governors and an LA appointed governor. Our school has eight parent governors. Parent governors have all the same powers and duties as other governors.

In 2014/15 the full governing body will meet five times at 5.45pm on either a Tuesday or Wednesday. Every governor joins at least one of our committees. These are responsible for different aspects of the school and currently the GB has a Resources Committee (responsible for finance, premises and personnel), and a Student Impact Committee. Each Committee meets about four times during the year, usually at about 5.30pm. We also invite governors to come into school occasionally on school days if they can manage it, although we know this can be difficult if you are working or have young children.

To be eligible to stand for election as a parent governor you have to have parental responsibility for a pupil at the school. Having "parental responsibility" is not limited to biological parents, but will cover you if you are a step-parent, foster, parent, grandparent bringing up the child, or permanent partner of the child's biological parent. A few people cannot be school governors and these are detailed in the letter that has been sent to you seeking nominations and also on the school website.

The child must be on the school roll at the time the election is held. However, parent governors do not have to resign if their children leave the school before their term of office has expired.

Although you don't need any educational experience or expertise, you will need to attend the free Governor Induction training course provided by Governor Services for newly appointed governors so that you are fully aware of your role. In addition each Governor will usually take a lead in a particular area of responsibility following discussions with other governors and committee members.

The Cherwell School governors and clerk can be contacted through the Governors area on the website.