



Role of the Governing Body and Governor

1 Role of the Governing Body

1.1 The Governing Body has three core functions:

- (i) ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- (ii) holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and;
- (iii) overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

2 Role of the Governor

2.1 Governors have three roles:

- (i) Governors of the school;
- (ii) Directors of the Academy Trust as a company;
- (iii) Trustees of the Academy Trust as a charity.

2.2 Governors' main responsibilities include:

- (i) ensuring the quality of educational provision;
- (ii) challenging and monitoring the performance of the school;
- (iii) managing the Academy Trust's finances and property;
- (iv) managing the staff;
- (v) exercising reasonable skill and care in carrying out their duties;
- (vi) ensuring that the Academy Trust complies with charity and company law;
- (vii) operating the Academy in accordance with the Funding Agreement that has been signed with the Secretary of State.

2.3 Governors are expected to:

- (i) to read all papers forwarded to you in relation to Governors' meetings;
- (ii) to give reasonable priority to attending meetings of the Governing Body and any committee of which you are a member;
- (iii) to act in the best interests of the Academy.

2.4 The Governing Body meets at least 4 times per year. The Governing Body also has a number of committees where Governor involvement will depend on knowledge, skills and experience. The committees can meet every term.

2.5 Governors are also involved in:

- (i) the appointment of the Headteacher and Clerk;
- (ii) considering the exclusion of students from the Academy;
- (iii) supporting the Academy at key events throughout the year;
- (iv) meeting with inspectors during an Ofsted inspection;
- (v) meeting staff and students.

3 Time Commitment

3.1 The estimated time commitment for the role of Governor is about a ½-1 day per month. Meetings usually take place in the evenings (Mon- Wed) starting at 6pm and last for up to 2 hours. Meetings can also take place during the school day.

If you would like to discuss the role of Parent Governor, please contact Jodie Gourlay, Clerk to the Governing Body, at jgourlay@newent.gloucs.sch.uk