



## Aughton St Michael's CE School Governors



At Aughton St. Michael's CE School we have 13 members of the Governing Body. Our main role is to support the Headteacher, Mrs Cottam, and the staff in ensuring the school strives for excellence across the whole spectrum of school life. The governing body is the school's accountable body. As Governors, we are responsible for the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. Our goal is to ensure that your children are part of a successful school, which gives them an excellent education and supports their wellbeing.

To ensure this happens the governing body has three main responsibilities:

**Setting the strategic direction of the school** -together with the Senor Leadership team of the school, we set the values, aims and objectives for the school and we then agree the policies needed to achieve them. We are also involved in setting targets and agreeing the strategy for school improvement, which includes approving the budget and agreeing the staffing structure.

**Challenging and supporting school** - once the strategic direction is set, we have a crucial role in challenging and supporting the school by regularly monitoring, reviewing and evaluating policies, progress towards targets, the school improvement strategy and the budget and staffing structure.

**Accountability** - as governors, we are the accountable body of the school. To ensure that this responsibility is met we sign off the school's own self-evaluation reports, we cooperate with and respond to reports from Ofsted when necessary, and we have regular conversations with Mrs Cottam about the performance of the school.

In order to ensure we are effective in our role we meet at least termly, both as a whole Governing Body and as sub-committees. The sub-committees have a specific focus, and they are responsible for feeding back to the whole Governing Body. We also go into school to meet with the Headteacher, other members of staff and pupils, to help us find out how the school is progressing towards its targets.

All governors are volunteers and they give up their time freely. There are several categories of governor, appointed by different groups that have an interest in the school, it includes parents, school staff, people appointed by the local authority and, as we are a faith school, we have representation through foundation governors. Foundation governors are appointed with the specific aim

of preserving and developing the religious character of the school - they are all members of St. Michael's Church. All governors have equal status, however they are appointed.

If you wish to know more, or are interested in becoming a governor, please contact us via the School Office or email us at [head@aughton-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@aughton-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk)