



Arden Primary School– Governing Body 2015

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**The Role of the Parent
Governor**

Parent Governors hold the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through their children, they have a first hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum and can see how the school is perceived from the service users point of view.

Parent Governors should form a relationship with the parents but must maintain a strategic approach to the governing body. A Parent Governor can advise parents on routes of action but must not become personally involved in individual concerns.

Parent Governors are representative parent NOT a representative of the parents.

The Parent Governor should:

- Make themselves known to the school community.
- Try to attend any in-service training provided.
- Listen impartially to concerns raised by parents.
- Guide parents regarding appropriate lines of actions and procedures.
- Present a balanced view of issues, representing different sections of the community.



Being the impartial representative parent can sometimes be difficult and the Parent Governor should:

- Never promise to 'solve a problem'.
- Never press their own child's case at the expense of others.
- Should not bring individuals issues to the meetings without following correct procedures.
- Should be aware of all parental views and concerns.
- Play an active part in meetings.

Being a Parent Governor can be interesting and rewarding and working alongside other members of the Governing Body will ensure that the work of the Governing Body fulfils it's duties to all children.