

GOVERNOR CURRICULUM/CLASSROOM VISITS POLICY

Introduction

1. The sections below set out purpose, process and principles in view of governor visits to the school.

Purpose

2. To provide governors with up-to-date knowledge of standards, content and teaching of the curriculum in school.
3. To provide information about the distribution and use of resources to assist in decision-making on financial matters.
4. To provide insight into the environment in which staff work, as well as an understanding of the emotional and physical safety of pupils.
5. To support and develop the roles of individual governors e.g. SEND, English.
6. To provide an understanding of, and insight into, priorities as described in the School Improvement Plan.
7. To develop relationships between governors, staff and pupils.
8. To ensure governors have a sufficient understanding of the operation of the school to support them in their wider strategic role.

Process

9. Governors will be expected to complete at least two visits a year, one visit on their area of responsibility, the other being a learning walk of the school whilst considering their area of responsibility and other needs of the school.
10. There will be communication through the headteacher to plan the content of the visits to ensure the focus will maximise benefit to all parties.
11. Governors will complete a report (see appendix 1), focussed on the agreed purpose of the visit.
12. The initial draft report will be shared, in the first instance, with the headteacher and relevant staff. Once completed and agreed, it will then be shared with the full governing body.

Principles

13. Governors are not expected to treat these as an inspection in terms of making judgements about the professional expertise of members of staff, especially with regard to the quality of teaching.

Appendix 1

Governor's visit report form

Governor & area of responsibility	
Date and duration of visit	
Area of School/Staff/Class visited	
Purpose of visit	
Governor's comments on focus of visit	
Staff Comments	
Pupil Comments	
Link with School Improvement Plan & reference	
Any Safeguarding Issues	
Issues to be raised as a result of the visit	
Signatures	