



GOVERNOR LINK ROLE PROFILE

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THE ROLE OF A LINK GOVERNOR

The role of governors in providing support and challenge to senior leaders is more important now than it ever has been. Schools are currently facing a great deal of uncertainty and their success in navigating through this period depends on strong and informed leadership.

As a link governor you will be required to:

- Make pre-arranged visits/calls to the school, with a clear focus. Guidance for how to arrange, complete and completing a visit form is available [here](#).
- Keep the governing board informed about your link area(s), and act as a link between governors and staff
- Support and challenge the member of staff who is responsible for your link area(s). To prepare for this, refer to resources such as 'The Key' or ask the Headteacher for questions to ask. You may need to read applicable school policies which will be available on their website.
- Develop knowledge in their specialist area and take part in relevant training
- Make sure the school has relevant policies in place
- Monitor the implementation of the school's strategy in your link area using information such as school data, outcomes, questioning staff and pupils etc.

Work closely with the relevant member of staff

Set up regular meetings with the relevant staff member so you can monitor what the school's doing. These may include activities such as learning walks and meetings with students and staff.

Be the link to the board

Your job is to act as the link between governors and staff, and to report to the board on things like:

- Subject/provision delivery
- How the subject/provision links to the school improvement plan (SIP) and contributes to pupils' learning
- Progress and challenges facing the subject/provision
- The impact of the subject/provision on pupils
- Upcoming relevant information such as activities, focus days, important deadlines, workshops etc.

How to monitor the subject/provision

We recommend you either meet your link staff member, or visit your school, at least **once a term, three times per year**. Establish a focus for each meeting or visit - these should be linked to any priorities on the schools 'SIP'. If your link area(s) are not on the SIP, work with school leaders to decide a focus for the visit based on their action plans.

What you should focus on

- Plans to improve the subject/provision
- The quality of delivery and impact for pupils
- Subject/provision uptake or student interaction
- Pupil and parent engagement
- Teacher/staff member workload and development

Ways to monitor

- Regular meetings with the relevant staff member(s)
- Visits to the school to see subject/provision in action
- Talking to pupils, parents and staff (or doing a survey)
- Reports from the relevant staff member(s)

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DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Primary PE and Sport Premium funding is intended to make sustainable and additional improvements to the quality of schools PE and sport offering. It is the role of Governors to ensure that this funding is appropriately utilised and not be used to simply fund the delivery of the core curriculum or capital expenditure. Given how important physical activity is to wellbeing and educational success, making the most of any available funding is incredibly important, as well as a core role of governors.

As the Sports Premium & Grants Governor you will:

- Ensure that the Primary PE and Sport Premium funding, as well as other school grants, are used within the set parameters of the grant conditions.
- Ensure that the school is seeking best value for money and can demonstrate they are making the most of the funding.
- Monitor the impact of the Sports Premium spending, considering whether they are fulfilling the five key indicators:
 - Engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity
 - Profile of PE and sport is raised across the school as a tool for whole-school improvement
 - Increased confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport
 - Broader experience of a range of sports and activities offered to all pupils
 - Increased participation in competitive sport
- Monitor the school's utilisation of other grants available to them, identifying areas of need and supporting them with applications.

RESOURCES

USEFUL RESOURCES

[DFE: PE and sport premium for primary schools](#)

[Webinar: Governors for Schools: Primary PE & Sport Premium Funding](#)

[The Key Article: Understand how the PE and sport premium for primary schools is allocated and find out how your school can spend it.](#)

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