“THE PARTNERSHIP GOVERNOR”

All school governors contribute to the work of the governing body in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by:-

- Setting the school’s vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Partnership governors only exist in Foundation Schools that have no Foundation or equivalent body. Partnership governors are appointed by the governing body after a nomination process. The governing body must ask parents of registered pupils at the school and others in the community it considers appropriate (for example, staff, community organisations and other local bodies) to provide nominations for partnership governors. They should be committed to the good governance of the school.

As an effective Partnership governor you:

- support the aims of your school;
- make yourself aware of the ethos statement or trust deed of the school;
- visit and get to know your school;
- work co-operatively with the headteacher, senior leadership team and other governors to raise standards and improve outcomes for all children;
- prepare for meetings by reading papers beforehand;
- take responsibility for your own learning and development as a governor including attending training;
- attend full governing body and relevant committee meetings promptly, regularly, and for the full time;
- read briefings and newsletters for governors;
- promote the interests of the school in the wider community;
- be loyal to the decisions made by the governing body;
- respect the confidentiality of governing body affairs;
- declare an interest and withdraw from any meeting where you, a partner or close relative or associate stands to gain, or where you are so close to a matter discussed it is difficult to be impartial;
- have regard to the broader responsibilities as a governor of a public institution in regard to promoting accountability for the actions and performance of the governing body.