

KEY ROLES OF GOVERNORS – SUMMARY

Strategic

- setting the school's vision and strategic aims
- agreeing plans and policies
- setting objectives and priorities for improvement
- not hands on (operational)
- not day to day management
- **outcome** focused (rather than process focused)

A critical friend

- working together in partnership with the headteacher and school staff (lay volunteers and professionals working together with a single agenda)
- establishing a culture of support and challenge
- questioning but not undermining
- open, sharing, based on mutual trust and respect,

Accountable

- monitoring and evaluating progress of the priorities for improvement
- ensuring that (public) accountability is understood and embedded in the attitude and practices of the governing body
- taking stakeholder views into account
- making best use of available resources