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governors.

PURPOSE

- To welcome new governors to the Governing Body and enable them to meet other members
- To encourage new governors to visit the school to experience its atmosphere and understand its ethos
- To meet the Headteacher, staff and children
- To explain the partnership between the Headteacher, school and Governing Body
- To explain the role and responsibilities of governors
- To give background material on the school and current issues
- To allow new governors to ask questions about their role and/or the school
- To explain how the Governing Body and Stautory committees work

New governors will:

- Be welcomed to the Governing Body by the Chair
- Be invited by the Headteacher to visit the school
- Have the opportunity to tour the school and meet staff and children
- Receive an informal briefing on the school from the Headteacher
- Have the opportunity to meet informally with an existing governor who will then act as their mentor
- Be accompanied by their mentor to their first full Governing Body meeting (if required)
- Have the opportunity to review their first meeting with the mentor
- New governors will receive information on or details of where to find information on the following:-

School Profile
Governors' handbook DFE
Current Governor good practice publications
Mentor Governor contact information
Calendar of works for GB
GB terms of reference

Useful website information

- GB contact list
- List of delegated / linked roles of all Governors and their responsibilities
- GB aims for the upcoming year
- · Current school Newsletter



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- Staff list
- Governor visit to school policy and form
- Dates and information for training
- Code of conduct Policy
- · New Governor Policy
- School Contact information
- · Skills audit
- Details of the Governing Body Terms of Reference
- Dates for GB meetings for the rest of the year
- · Calendar of school events

New governors are also recommended to read:

- The School Develoment Plan
- The latest Ofsted report and action plan
- Statutory Policy documents relevant to their link role (e.g.Child Protection, SEND, Budget Management, Pay Policy, Complaints Policy and Procedure)
- The monitoring performance and evaluation policy
- · The school visits policy

Areas that the Headteacher will cover include:

- Background to the school
- · Current issues facing the school
- Visiting the school
- The relationship between the Headteacher and Governing Body
- · Ensure the new Governor is processed for a DBS check

Areas that the mentor will cover include:

- · An overview of the governor's role
- · How the full Governing Body meetings are conducted
- How to propose agenda items
- Governor training