

SCHOOL GOVERNING COMMITTEE

CREATING A NEW MODEL TO HELP SCRUTINISE OUR SCHOOLS





WHAT IS THE SCHOOL GOVERNING COMMITTEE

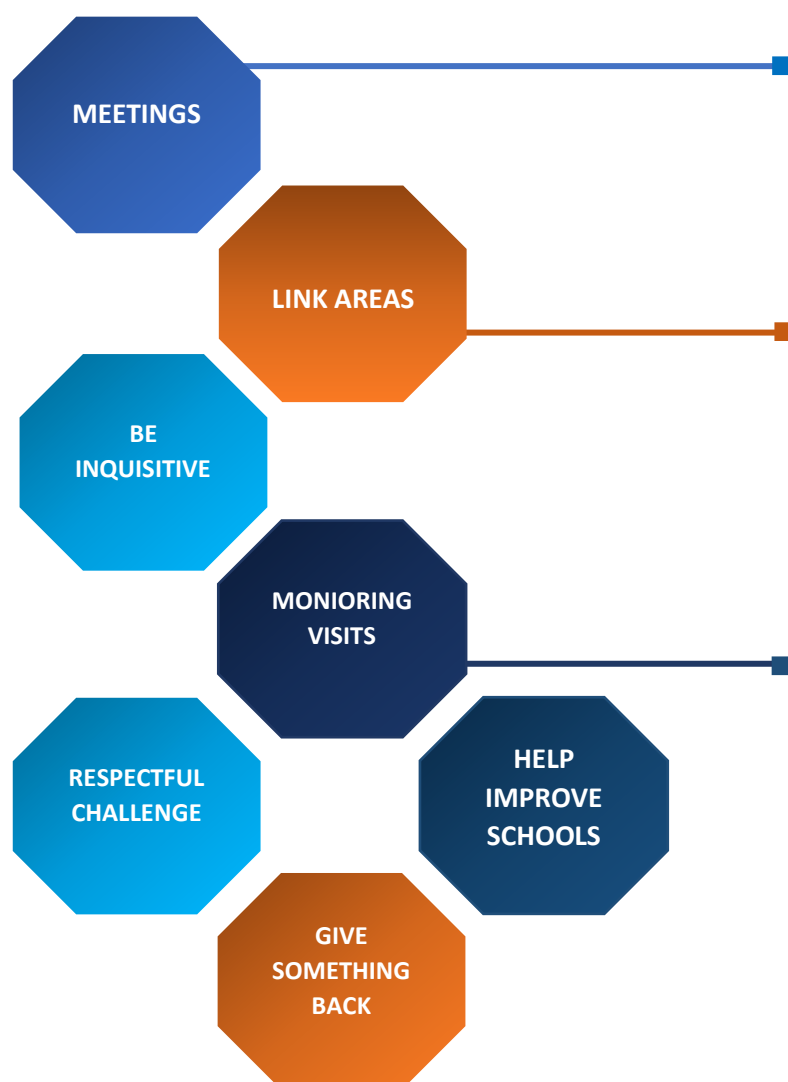
In March 2024, the Bluebell Federation which Swingate Primary School was a founding member of, welcomed Burnt Oak Primary School to the Federation, making it a four school Federation including Horsted infants/juniors Schools. With these changes came a commitment that the Full Governing Body would create school governing committees that will provide real challenge and scrutiny of how the school manages key areas such as:

- Finance
- Special educational needs and disabilities
- Safeguarding
- Pupil Premium
- Health & Safety

The school committees are run by elected Governor Chairs and Vice Chairs and they are responsible for overseeing how the school governing committee scrutinises and respectfully challenges the school. Tara Baker is the Chair of the Swingate school committee. Stacey Brooker is the Vice Chair. With the launch of the new school governing committee, we have a number of volunteer vacancies to help support the school governing committee.



WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?



■ **Attend Meetings:** The school governing committee will meet at least 5 times a year. You will be required to attend each of these meetings (no more than 2 hours) and discuss a range of different subjects that may be impacting the school. These meetings will be both in person and virtual.

■ **Link Areas:** Members of the school committee will be asked to lead in an area of school business. You do not need specific knowledge or experience in a particular area but a willingness to learn and engage on the subject is a must. The areas will include Finance, SEND, Pupil Premium, Safeguarding and Health & Safety.

■ **Monitoring Visits:** Within the link area you take responsibility for, you will be asked to carry out monitoring visits with the school. This will involve attending the school site to meet with the school lead for the area and exploring areas you would like some assurance on. You will be provided with a list of areas that you should be covering within your link area. You will then create a short report (easy to use template already created) and report your findings to the school governing committee for discussion or action.



WHAT SKILLS ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

OPEN TO ALL

The biggest asset you can bring to this role is a willingness and commitment to help hold the school to account about key areas of its management. We are particularly interested to hear from anyone who has experience or skills in the following areas:

Health & Safety

Do you, or have you, worked in Health & Safety and want to put that knowledge to use to help improve our school? Take a look at the attached Health & Safety role profile for further information.

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Do you have experience in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and want to put that knowledge to use to help improve our school? Take a look at the attached SEND role profile for further information.

Finance

Do you, or have you, worked in Finance and want to put that knowledge to use to help improve our school? Take a look at the attached Finance role profile for further information.

If you would like to get involved in the Swingate School Committee or would like an informal chat about the roles and what it involves, please contact the school office who will pass on your contact details to Tara and Stacey.



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