

## **South Gloucestershire Governor Association.**

Every Governor in South Gloucestershire is a member of the South Gloucestershire Governor Association. Its aims are –

- To champion and support school Governors in South Glos.
- To help to ensure that the views of South Glos. Governors are heard at local and national level.
- To promote and encourage the sharing of good practice in school governance.

The Association fulfils these aims through the work of its Committee. The Committee tries to be representative of a wide cross section of schools in the Authority, both in phase and area.

### **What does the Committee do ?**

Its main aims are to promote and help to facilitate effective communication between school Governing Bodies, the local Authority and the South Gloucestershire Governor Association and to provide a vehicle for expressing the collective views of Governing Bodies.

It also --

- Responds to consultations from the Local Authority, the DCSF and other bodies
- Provides support for Governor Locality groups
- Promotes good practice in school governance and encourages the sharing of good practice
- Liaises with the Governor Development Unit on School Governor training opportunities
- Appoints members to the following --
  - Schools Forum
  - Strategic Partnership Board
  - Admission Forum
  - SACRE
  - PRU Management Committee

The Committee has two meetings per academic year. It also meets with South Gloucestershire councillors from the Children and Young People ( CYP ) Select Committee twice per year.

The Association is a member of the National Governor Association and Committee members attend the South West Regional meetings as well as national conferences.

The National Governors' Association is the representative body for school Governors in England.

The NGA works for Governors by --

- Supporting local Governor Associations and Governing Bodies
- Lobbying ministers and policy makers
- Producing high quality guidance and information
- Organising events and conferences.

By actively being involved with NGA we can share concerns affecting Governors in South Glos. , gather South West area views and influence discussions at a national level.

### **What are the Localities ?**

These are the geographical groupings of schools as follows --

- Locality 1 -- Severnvale
- Locality 2 -- Yate, Winterbourne, Frampton Cotterell and Cotswold Edge schools
- Locality 3 -- Kingswood, Staplehill and Mangotsfield

Through these Localities Governors meet to discuss problems and concerns identified as of particular interest to that area or Governance issues in general. The Local Authority ( LA ) provides support and Officers speak on topics that Governors have requested. A Senior Adviser from the LA is attached to each Locality.

The Locality meetings are used to gather Governor views on issues that may be taken forward to the Governor / Members Consultative meetings. The Locality meetings are used as a venue for feedback to Governors on any issues. Also look out for items in the Governor Development Service newsletter which goes out to all Governors.

### **Who are the current Committee members ?**

April Begley	Christ Church CEVC Primary
Martin Cross	Hanham High
Peter Day	St Michael's Primary, Stoke Gifford
Bill Fairney	Chipping Sodbury School
Steve Forecast	Crossways Infant
John Goff	Parkwall Primary
Geoff Howell	Patchway Community College, Stoke Lodge Primary & Barley Close Primary
Keith Lawrence	Culverhill & Kings' Forest Primary
Mike Pirie	Tortworth Primary
Ann Reed	Kings' Forest Primary & Culverhill
Dennis Richardson	Stoke Lodge Primary
Rob White	Callicroft Primary

Ann Reed February 2010.