

Expectations of governors at FSD

Introduction to the DFE Competency Framework for Governors



“The importance and significance of outstanding governance and leadership across our education system, in every school in England, has never been greater. The role of governing boards in defining and implementing strategy whilst holding the leaders of schools and trusts to account has to be the foundation upon which a world class education system is built. Governors or trustees who work as a team, who are able to bring their skills and experience to the role and who blend challenge and support to hold their workforce to account, will improve standards”.

There is no doubt that this document expects a lot more from governors, requiring them to take increased responsibility for standards and quality in schools. For the local governing board at FSD to function at the level expected in the DFE Competency Framework it is essential that governors will:-

- Attend all Local Governing Body meetings (2 per term)
- Attend all working group meetings (one per term)
- Meet with the appropriate member of staff, as a link governor, at least once per term.
- Write a brief written note on the link governor visit
- Attend training (internally organised and/or run by Durham L.A.) which develops governors' skills and knowledge.

In addition it is hoped that governors will engage with the school informally, attending events such as sports presentation evening, concerts etc. Governors will also be needed during Ofsted inspections as their link roles will be important here.