Chalk Ridge - Role of year group link governors

Year group link governors help the governors to get to know a particular cohort of children well. This could include information such as the gender mix in the year and the proportion of children with special educational needs (SEN) or in receipt of the pupil premium.

Governors linked to a year also develop a good working relationship with the class teachers and the children.

The link governor will liaise closely with the children and teachers to follow in more detail the development of the year groups as they progress through the school.

Year group governors help develop the governing body's relationship with staff and pupils by:

* Establishing regular contact between the year group teachers and governing body
* Exploring the specific characteristics of the year group to gain deeper understanding of relevant issues
* Providing support, encouragement and a listening ear
* Considering ways to encourage parental involvement
* Exploring how the characteristics of the year group fit in with the school's development plan. This can help to improve understanding and effective questioning at governing body meetings
* Reporting back to the governing body following visits (using the Governors Visits Policy), and making recommendations as appropriate

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