

Governing body: overview

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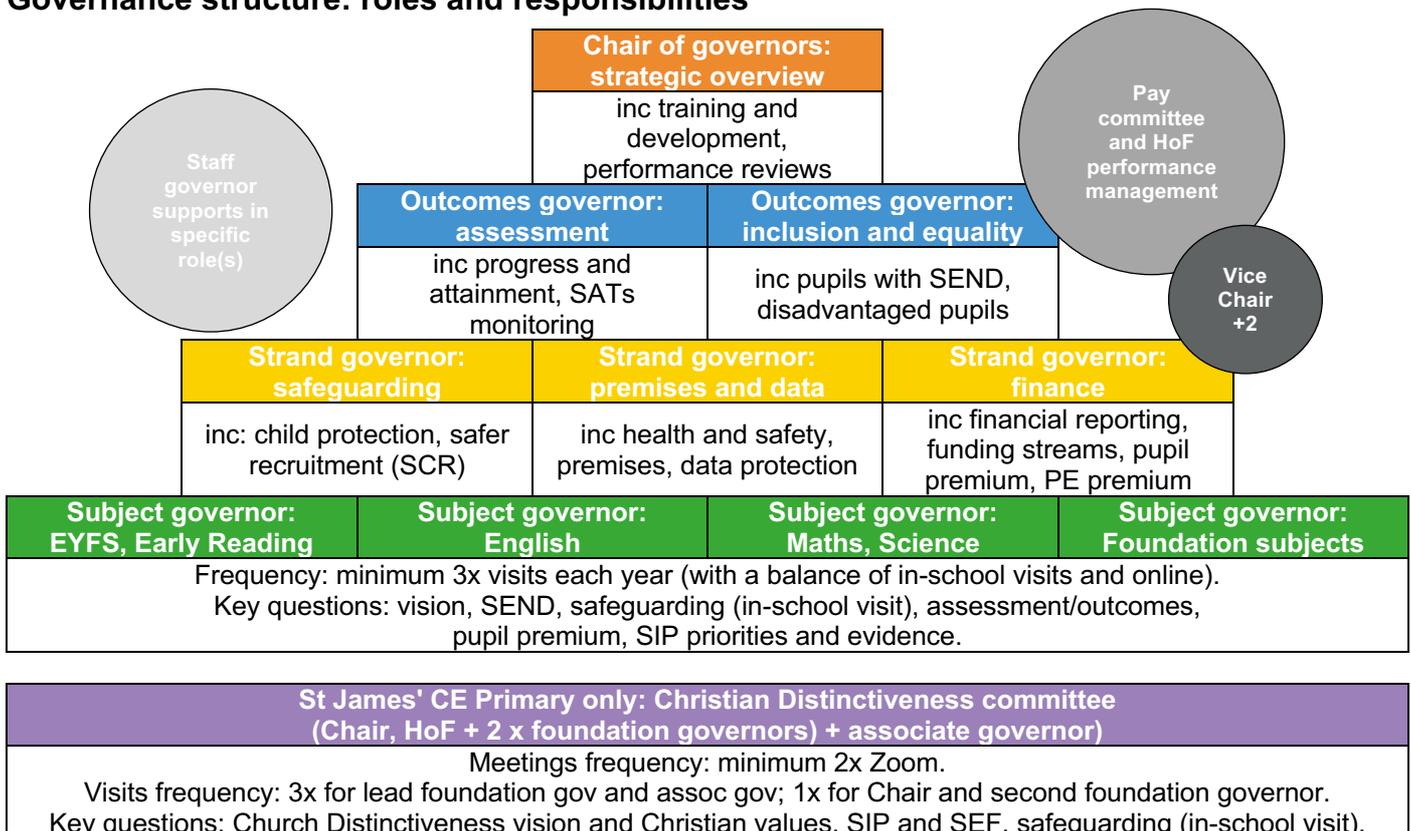
Three core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent

Key features of effective governance:

- **Strategic leadership** that sets and champions vision, ethos and strategy.
- **Accountability** that drives up educational standards and financial performance.
- **People** with the right skills, experience, qualities and capacity.
- **Structures** that reinforce clearly defined roles and responsibilities.
- **Compliance** with statutory and contractual requirements.
- **Evaluation** to monitor and improve the quality and impact of governance.

Governance structure: roles and responsibilities



Governance: 6x half-termly meetings

The schedule on the following page sets out a comprehensive overview of key agenda items for every meeting. However, the nature of the meetings will vary:

Half-term 1:

The purpose of this meeting is to preview what is coming up, to make sure that individual governors are clear on expectations in terms of monitoring/evaluating (who, where, when, why...).

The agenda items should be quicker to go through, and therefore this meeting has more capacity for additional agenda items.

Half-term 2:

The purpose of this meeting is for governors to feed back to others, and to challenge school leaders, on the monitoring/evaluating they have carried out since Half-term 1.

Governor visit reports should have been completed and available to all so other governors come prepared to ask questions.