**Newland Junior School Governing Body**

The Newland Junior School Governing Body is made up of a group of 12 volunteers representing parents, carers, staff, the local community and local authority. There are currently 7 members and 5 vacancies.

3 Staff Governors – the Head teacher and two elected by the staff.

6 Co-opted Governors – appointed by the Governing body as they have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school (2 VACANCIES)

2 Parent Governors – voted for by the parents/carers of pupils who attend the school (VACANT)

1 Local Authority Governor – appointed to be a link between the Local Authority and the school (VACANT)

The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher’s leadership of the school and helps to ensure that every child and staff member is safe and children are educated to the highest standards. In all types of schools, governing bodies should have a strong focus on three core strategic functions:

* Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
* Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
* Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

We work in partnership with the school to influence and support the schools progression, monitoring performance and management procedures to ensure that they are effective.

We value parent, carer, pupil and staff opinions and work together as a Governing Body to be a very effective team.

Governors can be contacted via the school office by e-mail.