**Are you interested in becoming a Governor on the Local Governing Body at Dean Gibson?**

Whether you are interested in becoming a governor, or simply want to learn more about the duties that they have, this article will guide you through what you need to know.

Every school in England and Wales has a Governing Body, made up of volunteers who work alongside the Headteacher and senior leaders to ensure that the school is running effectively. Governors of Dean Gibson are accountable to parents, the local community, the Mater Christi Trust Board, and the Diocese.

**What is the Local Governing Body?**

The LGB is the Board of Governors of Dean Gibson. Dean Gibson is a member of the Mater Christi Academy Trust, a group schools across the Diocese of Lancaster. The Trust has a Board of Directors More information can be found at <https://mater-christi.com>

Each school in the trust has a Local Governing Body (LGB). The LGB sends reports to the Directors of the Trust on the standards and progress of their school.

The Chairs of each of the LGBs meet regularly with the Chief Executive Officer of the Trust to keep up to date with the latest information concerning policies and procedures

Dean Gibson has twelve Governors, made up of the Headteacher, a member of staff, two Parent Governors, and seven Foundation Governors, appointed by the Diocese, plus an additional Governor, who has skills or knowledge welcomed by the group.

**What does a Governor do?**

Being a Governor is a commitment in terms of time. The LGB meets six times a year.

Between LGB meetings, our working groups meet with the Head and other staff to hear about progress and improvement actions. These working groups consist of two or three Governors who visit school and meet with key staff. The working groups cover Staffing & Curriculum, Community & Welfare and Finance & Premises. Each Governor is usually on one working party and commits to one working group meeting per half term. At the LGB meetings, the working groups feed back to the larger group. This brings the total number of meetings over the course of the year to twelve.

In addition, each Governor ‘links’ to two or three subjects and meets with the subject lead to discuss their subjects in greater depth, and makes a short report to present to the whole Governing Body.

Governors are also encouraged, and usually thoroughly enjoy, attending school Mass, Celebration Assemblies, Sports Days, Fundraising events etc.

**If you feel you would like more information or you would like to visit school, please contact** **admin@deangibson.cumbria.sch.uk** **to arrange to meet our Headteacher, Mrs Sarah Tansey**