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## **The Role of the SEND Governor**

1. The SEND Governor is appointed by the whole governing body.
2. The main function of the SEND Governor is to keep governors informed about the way the school manages its provision for SEN, so that the governing body can fulfil its legal responsibilities.

It is likely that a key contact for the SEND Governor within the school will be the Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCO).

## **The responsibilities of the SEND Governor:**

- be informed about relevant SEND related legislation and that relating to the role of the governing body;
- liaise with the SENDCO about the school's procedures for identifying and supporting pupils with SEND;
- with the assistance of the SENDCO and headteacher to monitor and evaluate the school's SEND provision;
- to establish and maintain the governing body's regular consideration of SEND provision and its effectiveness through regular reporting to the governing body;
- to ensure that parents have access to a copy of the SEND policy;

- to be an advocate for SEND when whole school issues are being considered;
  - attend governor training sessions to improve his/her effectiveness as a SEND Governor;
  - to represent the governing body on SEND matters.
3. The SEND Governor is in a particularly sensitive position as many people may not realise the distinctive different roles of headteacher and the governor. It is the headteacher's responsibility to manage the school and therefore SEND provision within the context of the strategic direction set by the governing body. **Therefore it is not appropriate for SEND Governors to become involved with the case work relating to individuals, nor individual pupil progress.**