

MODEL PROTOCOL FOR GOVERNORS' VISITS TO CLASSROOMS

1 The aims of the visiting Governor programme at Hartington C of E Primary School are:

- to enable governors to develop a greater understanding of the way the school operates and therefore constructively challenge and support its leaders
- to observe how the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school translate in the working environment
- to establish good working relationships between governors, staff and pupils
- to contribute to the governing body's monitoring role and help make informed decisions

Governors do not undertake lesson observations but visit classrooms to understand the working of the school.

2 Visits must be arranged in consultation and agreement with the headteacher and staff concerned.

3 All visits will be part of a planned programme linked to the School Improvement Plan, and the purpose and scope of each visit will be agreed in advance.

4 The pupils will be informed of who the visitor is, and what they can expect them to do.

5 Each visit will start with a meeting with the headteacher or nominated representative to ensure any last minute changes to the arrangements are discussed. **Confidentiality will be adhered to.**

6 The school will provide visiting governors with relevant information before the visit.

7 Any points arising from the visit will be discussed with the headteacher at a mutually convenient time.

8 Feedback on the visit to the Governing Body will be in accordance with agreed protocols and school policies. The content of any written report will be checked **with the headteacher** to ensure that **feedback does not contain evaluative or judgmental comments about the quality of teaching and learning.** The report should also be **circulated to staff.**

Agreed by the Governing Body of Hartington C of E Primary School

Date: To be reviewed annually.



September 2023 - To be reviewed annually.