

Governors Support Service

| Approach | How parents / carers have a voice and influence | What works well | Challenges faces |
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| Parents have a role in all governing bodies in maintained schools. Each governing body constitution must have a minimum of two elected parent representatives. GSS gives a full training programme which is open to all governors and offers a skills audit and recommends appropriate training | Some schools have a parent council which produces feedback and insight to governors, I am working to encourage parent councils and supporting schools in embedding them | More support for parents through evaluation of the challenges they may have in common is effective. | The nature of governing body meetings is such that they can be off putting to parents. Parents tend to resign after a short time after realising the amount of commitment and responsibility involved |