

# Worlingham CEVC Primary School

## GOVERNORS IN SCHOOL

*Like a tree firmly planted by streams of living water we will grow  
in knowledge, love, faith and wisdom. Based on Psalm 1:3*



This policy is written to support governors in further developing their understanding of the school and to enable them to fulfil their statutory responsibility.

When visiting classes all governors agree:

- To participate in a programme of visits.
- To discuss in advance with the Headteacher the number of visits per term.
- To discuss the date, timing and purpose of the visit in advance with the Headteacher and/or other staff.
- That following their introductory visit, future visits will have a clear focus linked to an aspect of the SDP, a school policy or a curriculum subject.
- That if time is going to be spent in a classroom this should be discussed with the class teacher, so both are clear how long the governor is coming for, what they are going to look at and what they are going to do.
- That their visits are not inspections. They will not act like inspectors or report back to the governing body on the quality of the teaching they see.
- After visits, governors will discuss their impressions and any concerns they may have with the Headteacher.
- That at the next governing body meeting, governors will give an account, orally or in writing, of visits they have made. Written reports will be discussed with the Headteacher before the meeting.
- A record of governors' visits will be kept in the minutes.
- Any policy on governors' visits will be agreed with the staff before it is implemented, so that everyone participating has the same expectations of them.