



THE ORCHARDS FEDERATION GOVERNING BOARD

How we work

The Governing Board has overarching strategic responsibility for the Orchards Federation and its schools:

- ❖ Cherry Tree Primary School
- ❖ Green Fold Special School
- ❖ Orchards Nursery School

Governors work together to identify the strategic direction, with a clear focus on learning outcomes, pupil wellbeing and robust accountability, whilst ensuring best use of resources. Schools focus on their specific needs and priorities, whilst promoting inclusive opportunity and a strong sense of belonging across the federation.

Each school has an effectiveness committee which is responsible for outcomes, curriculum, inclusion, safeguarding, pupil welfare etc. Personnel and resources issues are dealt with by each effectiveness committee.

Financial planning and monitoring are carried out by school effectiveness committees and budgets are scrutinised and approved by the whole Governing Board. The governors take their responsibilities for securing best value very seriously.

The effectiveness committees meet twice each term and report to the Governing Board termly. There is a premises committee who oversee the school buildings, repair and maintenance programs and health and safety across both sites.

Whilst the effectiveness committees focus on individual schools, a group consisting of the chairs of committees, along with the head teachers, perform a risk and scrutiny role and maintain a clear Federation focus.

Each school has its own leadership structure and encourages governor participation in monitoring outcomes and quality of provision. In this way, the board provides challenge and support to leaders in each school.