

GOVERNOR VISITS POLICY - AWBRIDGE & WELLOW FEDERATION

The Federation of Awbridge and Wellow Schools values the Governing Body and promotes a positive and open working partnership.

By law there must be a policy which monitors and guides governors' visits.

Governors do not have the right to enter the schools whenever they wish. It is, however, an important part of their remit to visit regularly to develop their knowledge and enable them to fulfil their statutory responsibilities. Governors arrange these visits with the subject leader/class teacher.

The governing body plans visits to cover a wide range of school work and each visit will have a clear purpose. The visits are not an inspection in any sense – the governors use them to familiarise themselves with every aspect of the schools' work.

Advice about visits is in section 1.4.3 of the Governors' handbook (May 2013).

Governors do not pursue a personal agenda nor arrive with pre-conceived ideas.

It is not the governor's role to make judgements about pupils' work or behaviour, nor teacher's classroom practice or issues relating to the day to day running of the school. That is the responsibility of the Head of School.

Visits are undertaken as part of the strategic programme formally organised by the governing body or a sub-committee.