



Osmaston Primary School Protocol for Governors' Visits to School

- The aims of the governors' monitoring programme are:
 - To enable governors to develop greater understanding of the way the school operates including its vision, ethos and strategic direction
 - To enable governors to become better informed about the school so that they are better able to hold school leaders to account
 - To have a clear understanding of the performance management of staff
 - To build up professional relationships between governors and staff and pupils
- Visits must be arranged in consultation with the headteacher and relevant staff
- All visits will be part of a planned programme and link to Post Ofsted/School Improvement Plan priorities and the purpose and scope of each visit will be agreed in advance
- Each visit will start with a meeting with the headteacher to ensure any last minute changes to the arrangements are discussed. The headteacher is free to change the arrangements if necessary, including postponing the visit
- Any issues arising from the visit will be discussed with the headteacher in the first instance. The headteacher will ensure time is available for a brief meeting with the visiting governor at the end of the visit
- The school will provide visiting governors with relevant information before the visit
- The headteacher and teachers will promote governor visits as valuable and positive. The children will be informed of who the visitor is and what they are expected to do
- Reporting of the visit to the Governing Body will be in accordance with agreed protocols. The content of any written report will be checked with the headteacher before it is circulated
- Reports should not contain evaluative or judgemental comments about the quality of teaching and learning