

## The three core functions of governing boards



In order for governing boards of maintained schools to direct the conduct of their schools with a view to promoting high standards of education, and for governing boards of academy trusts to fulfil their charitable object of advancing education for the public benefit, the DfE identifies three core functions for governing boards.



In practice this means that the governing board should:

- 01 Determine the ethos, values and culture for the organisation
- Agree a long-term vision for the organisation and a strategy for achieving the vision
- Establish policies that ensure compliance and that the organisation works in line with the agreed ethos and values
- Appoint and hold the lead executive to account for the conduct of the organisation and for the achievement of the organisation's vision

