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We have a vacancy on the governing board for a Parent Governor.

What is the Role of a Parent Governor?

- Support the school by being a critical friend and holding the school accountable
- Get involved in decisions about how the school is run and offer a parent's perspective.

What is required?

A commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children.

The inquisitiveness to question and analyse, and the willingness to learn.

Good inter-personal skills.

Appropriate levels of literacy in English.

Sufficient numeracy skills to understand basic data.

Attend meetings six times per year.

No previous experience is required.

What is offered?

Newly-appointed Governors can link with a more experienced 'buddy' for support and guidance.

Online training is available for all aspects of the role.

'Learning on the Job' is seen as a good way to develop skills.

A DBS check will be carried out by the school following appointment.

Governors are able to claim expenses, eg for travelling costs and childcare.

What qualities make a good governor?

Parent governors must promote the best interests of all children at the school, and have a duty to maintain good relations with, and be available to, the other parents.

Parent governors should not use committee meetings to raise issues affecting their own child at the expense of others.

Personal Benefits of the Role

Personal development and a useful addition to a job application/CV.

Help 'make a difference'.

Who is Eligible?

All parents/carers of pupils at the school (except where they are an elected member of the Local Authority or paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours per year).

The term of office for parent governors is four years but you may resign at any time. Even if your child leaves the school you will be able to complete your term of office if you wish.

Information about Governance

Governing boards are the key strategic decision makers and vision setters in every school. They are also a key part of the overall system for school accountability.

Governing boards have a vital role to play in driving up school and pupil performance and ensuring that resources are used well to give every child the best possible education.

Governing boards should have a strong focus on three core functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
 2. Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
 3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.
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