



Tuesday 4th June 2024

Dear parent(s) and carer(s),

I am writing to inform you of two vacancies for the role of parent governor on our governing board.

Please read the information below if you would like to know more about this volunteering opportunity.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the role please contact the school office so an informal chat with a member of the governing board can be arranged.

Application forms can be collected from the school office and the deadline to return the form is Thursday 13th June 2024, 4 pm.

If we receive more applications than we have vacancies for, a parents ballot will be carried out.

We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this.

Thank you

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Dean coombes
Headteacher



The role of the governing board

The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance.

The board is serious about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you'll work as a volunteer with the board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a **parental perspective** to the governing board, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills required to make sure the governing board delivers effective governance
- An ability to maintain confidentiality

What does the role offer?

- A chance to develop your own personal skills
- Access to a programme of free training in respect of education/governance matters
- A sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential
- The support and guidance from fellow governors

Our Governor Board is keen to be more representative of the children with diverse background who attend our school. We encourage applications from all members of society, regardless of background, gender, ethnicity, disability or age (as long as over 18)

The time commitment

Approximately 6-9 evening meetings or more per year, reading reports and associated documents, undertaking relevant training and carrying out occasional school visits. Meetings are usually held from 4.30pm – 6.30 pm approximately. Some meetings might take place during the school day. Please note this is indicative only and subject to change.