
Being a Parent Governor:

As a parent governor you would have the opportunity to contribute to the overall management of the school.

Working with a team of other governors, you would help to ensure that the school is doing all it can to provide the best possible education for all children - both in terms of the direct teaching and learning but also by ensuring a good provision of resources, activities, opportunities and a positive, safe, Christian learning environment.

The Role:

The Governing Body meets once each half term. In addition, all governors sit on at least one of the committees which usually hold meetings shortly before the full governing body meetings.

As part of their monitoring function, it is hoped that all governors will also plan and make visits to the school in order that they can report on their link areas/classes.

The term of office for a parent governor is 4 years.

All training is provided through the School's Choice governor training program and it is expected that all governors will take part in this training.

It is also hoped that governors will use those skills which they bring to the role to assist in moving the school forward.

Out of pocket expenses can be reimbursed pursuant to the Governor Expenses Policy.

The Role of a Governor

Core Functions

The main role of the Governing Body and all governors is to:

- set the vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school
- challenge teaching and learning
- oversee the school finances and premise management

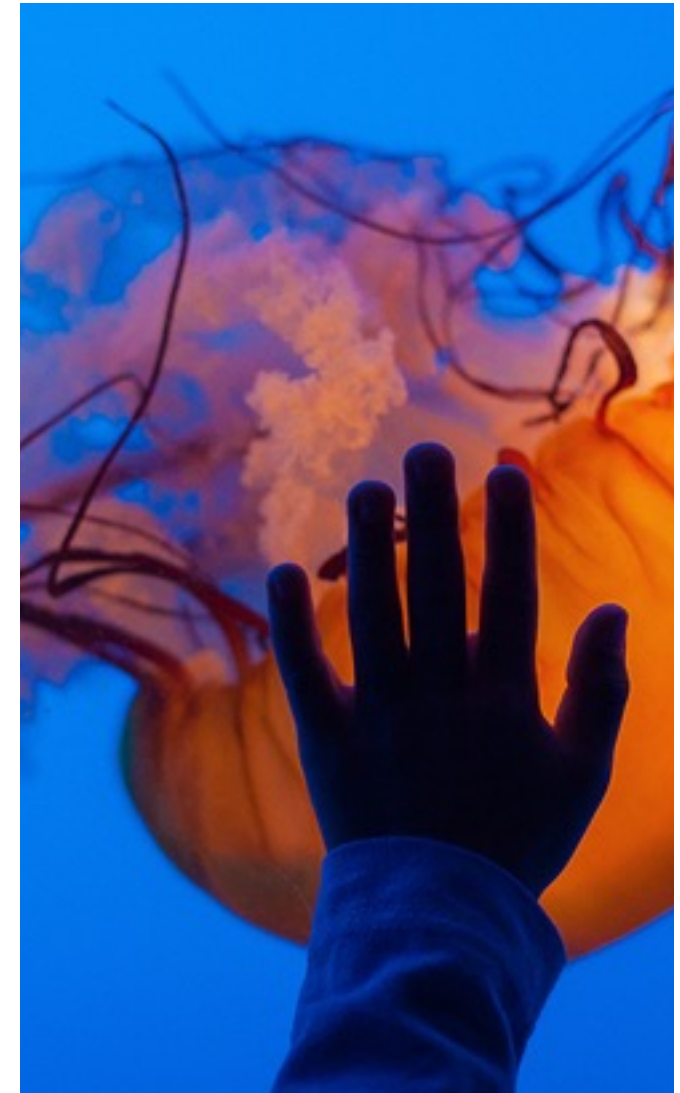
Personal Attributes

- a strong commitment and enthusiasm for the role and to improving outcomes for all children
- the inquisitiveness to question and analyse, and
- the willingness to learn



Parent Governors

School governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education. They have an important role to play in raising school standards. *(National Governors Association)*



What else do school governors do:

- be a critical friend to the school, offering support and advice
- help the school respond to the needs of parents and the community
- work with the school on planning, developing policies and keeping the school under review
- exercise its responsibilities and powers in partnership with the Head Teacher and staff
- make the school accountable to the public for what it does
- keep the pressure up on school improvement
- help the school to set high standards by planning for the school's future and setting targets for school improvement



The Application Process:

Any parent interested in applying to fill one of the parent governor vacancies should complete the nomination form attached to the Head Teacher's letter.

Please feel free to attach a copy of your CV as well, should you wish to do so (this will not be circulated).

This nomination form must be received at the School Office, addressed to the Head Teacher by the date specified in the Head Teacher's letter.

If you have any questions related to the role, please do not hesitate to contact the Chair of Governors, Nancy Ford, by leaving a message and your contact details at the school office. If you have any questions related to the application process, please speak to one of the staff in the School Office.

Eligibility:

All applicants must be at least 18 years of age. They must have a child on the register of the school.

The term 'parent' is used to include:

- natural or adoptive parents
- a person who has or has held parental responsibility for, or cares for, or has cared for a child or young person
- a person the child lives with and who looks after the child regardless of what their relationship is with the child, eg. step-father, grandparents and foster parents.

No parent or carer engaged in paid employment at the school for more than 50 hours in any consecutive 12 month period can stand for election as a parent governor of that school, nor can an elected member of the Local Authority.

Elections:

If there are more applicants than vacancies, an election will take place on the date specified in the Head Teacher's letter.

This ballot will be conducted via secret ballot.

Each parent with at least one child at the school shall be eligible to vote. Proxy voting will not be allowed.

Responsibility for counting the votes will rest with the Head Teacher who shall act as returning officer.

Election will be by majority vote. Ties will be determined by the drawing of lots.