

19th January 2024

Parent Governor Vacancy

Dear Parent / Carers

We are currently seeking a new Parent Governor to join our friendly governing body.

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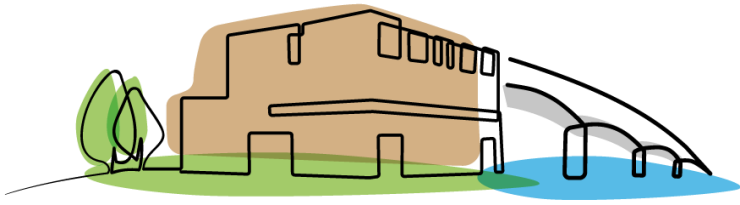
governors are elected by and from other parents of children currently attending our school and are vital to our governing body. They share equally with other governors the responsibility for carrying out the governing body's wide range of responsibilities. Governors serve a four-year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the governing body. Governors do not run the school day to day, as their role is at the strategic or policy-making level in the school.

The governing body has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education underpinned by our school's values. This is achieved by ensuring that governors have the necessary skills and commitment to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. The particular skills that governing boards need will vary and will include personal qualities and capabilities, such as the capacity and willingness to learn and work as part of a team. It is expected that governors will make use of the various training opportunities available to them and play a full part in the work of the governing board.

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but they all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:-

- Is interested in children's education, the current curriculum, and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school and hold school leaders to account
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements
- Has financial knowledge or experience of budget planning and analysis
- An awareness of safeguarding procedures in a school setting as well as knowledge of the latest safeguarding guidance, both local and national.



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- It is desirable, although not essential, that the candidate can occasionally visit the school during the school day.
- Please do not be put off if you do not have any of these skills, what is more important is enthusiasm, interest and the willingness to learn.

Further information regarding on the role of governors can be viewed via the link below:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Knowledge-Centre/Governance-structure-roles-and-responsibilities/Roles-and-responsibilities/Role-descriptions/Role-descriptions.aspx>

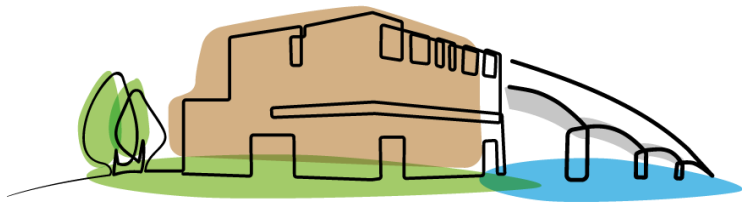
What is the role of the governing body?

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Helping to set and review the school's strategic direction and agreeing targets for improvement
- Holding the Headteacher and school leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure public money is well spent
- There are 5 full governing body meetings per academic year, as well as additional committee meetings, each requiring time for reading and preparation in advance. There will be other responsibilities assigned to you throughout your time as a governor, best suited to your skills and experience.

What does the role offer?

- A chance to develop your own personal skills
- Access to a programme of free training in respect of the role of a governor
- A sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential
- Joining a newly established governing body but you will be supported by fellow governors with many years combined experience

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the role before applying please email me at chair@valentineprimary.co.uk and I will be more than happy to call you for an informal chat. If you would like to take the opportunity to put yourself forward as a candidate, please email me to request an application form. Completed applications need to be returned to me by **Friday 26th January 2024**.



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Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role. If there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will need to be held. Each parent will be entitled to one vote. Parents will be sent a link to make their vote.

Yours sincerely
Amanda Humby
Chair of Governors

