



COULD YOU BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR?

A Parent Governor has:

- ❖ An interest in **all** the children's future
- ❖ A desire to make a difference
- ❖ A willingness to accept responsibility
- ❖ An ability to work in a team and is happy to ask questions, listen and learn
- ❖ The skills to contribute to effective governance and success of the school or at least the capacity and willingness to develop them

and will:

- ❖ Act with integrity, objectivity and honesty in the best interests of the school
- ❖ Fulfil a largely strategic role in the running of the school
- ❖ Visit and get to know the school and the people in it in accordance with the agreed visits protocol
- ❖ Work in partnership with the Headteacher to raise standards
- ❖ Actively contribute to the work of the governing body
- ❖ Abide by the adopted Code of Practice.

Once elected, a parent Governor must operate in the best interest of all pupils and not as representatives to lobby on behalf of their constituency.

Parent Governors:

- ❖ Help to decide the priorities for improving the school
- ❖ Focus on their three core strategic functions
- ❖ Work co-operatively with other Governors in the best interest of the school
- ❖ Attend the meetings of the Governing Body and its Committees
- ❖ Promote the interest of the school in the wider community
- ❖ Have an equal right to participate and to state their views whilst respecting the views of others
- ❖ Are loyal to the decisions made by the Governing Body
- ❖ Respect the confidentiality of those items of business that have been designated as confidential and do not disclose what individuals have said or how they have voted
- ❖ Withdraw from a decision from which he or she or a partner or close relative stands to gain or where he or she is too involved to be objective
- ❖ Have regard to the broader responsibilities as a Governor of a public institution in regard to promoting a public accountability for the actions and performance of the Governing Body
- ❖ Participate in training.

Our Governing Body plays a very active role in moving the school forward, and becoming a Parent Governor is a very big commitment. We appreciate your interest in this very important role.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to speak to Mr Reeves or one of our current Parent Governors.