

26 January 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Parent Governor Vacancies

We have vacancies for three parent governors which we need to fill as soon as possible. The school has always aimed for a partnership with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim, is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

The governing body's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance, for all of its students.

Governors are expected to be able to attend up to six Full Governing Body meetings, five meetings for the committee that they have been assigned to, as well as specific days in school set aside for the Governors to meet with the various departments, during each academic year.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training.

If you feel you can help in this capacity, application forms are available on the school website, alternately please contact the office for an application form to be sent to you.

The application will need to be completed and **returned to the school by 12.00 noon on Monday 15th February 2021.**

The guidelines giving full details about how vacancies are filled can be found on the school's website. You should also look at the information for prospective governors on the Hampshire Governor Services website.

Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to an identity check.

If there are more applications than vacancies, we will hold an election and you will be sent a voting paper in due course. You may return the ballot paper either via your child if they are attending school at the moment, or by post.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Wilson
Chair of Governors