

JOIN OUR GOVERNING BOARD

BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR

WHO/WHAT IS THE GOVERNING BOARD?

The Governing Board is a group of unpaid volunteers who support the Headteacher in running the School. We meet regularly to discuss children's progress and results, acting as "critical friends" to the Headteacher, in order to improve the School's performance. This means that we challenge the Headteacher by asking important questions about what the School is doing to help pupils achieve their full potential. We help the Headteacher manage the School's budget, by ensuring that money is spent on improving outcomes for our pupils.



WHO CAN BE A PARENT GOVERNOR?

When a vacancy arises, you can apply to be a Parent Governor if you have a child (or children) who attends the School. Parent Governors are elected by fellow parents of children at our school.

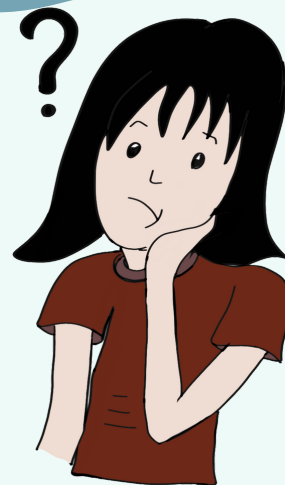
If there are no volunteers for Parent Governors, the Governing Board can choose to appoint a Parent Governor but they must be the parent of a child of school age.



WHAT DOES A PARENT GOVERNOR DO?

As a Parent Governor you will be able to give us the point of view of a parent. Being a Parent Governor does not mean that you get involved in other parental disputes/complaints towards the School, although as Parent Governor you can advise them on how to follow the School's Complaints Procedure.

Being a Parent Governor means allowing the voice of parents to be heard, without feeling like you must vote on a decision based on their views. You must put forward your own opinion on a decision to be made by the Governing Board.



WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED OF ME?

- Make yourself known to other parents
- Attend short training sessions paid for by the School
- Listen to concerns and point them in the direction of the School's Complaints Procedure
- Support us in improving the education of all our pupils (i.e. not just your child(ren))
- Play an active part in Governor meetings

EXPECTATION

DO I HAVE THE TIME TO SPARE?

It is important to consider whether you can give up the time required to become a Parent Governor. Our Governing Board meets once per term, in the evenings and meetings last around two hours.

When you join the Governing Board we will ask you if you wish to be a member on any of our committees which will mean further meetings.

