



## Foundation Governor Vacancy

At the end of this term, a number of our governors will be stepping down as their terms of office end. We would like to express our thanks for all they have done for the school. As a result, we are now looking for several new Foundation Governors to join our team. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to play a part in the future of a school at the heart of our community. You will learn more about the running of a school, while bringing skills and experiences gained through your own career and interests.

### **What is the role of a school governor?**

The overriding responsibility of the Governing Body is to work in partnership with Head Teacher and leaders to set the school's strategic direction. This includes agreeing plans and policies, being a critical friend and ensuring the school is accountable to the pupils, parents and staff.

Individual governors have no power or responsibility and all are equal. It is the Full Governing Body which has legal duties and powers.

### **What is involved?**

- The Full Governing Body meets twice a term, to discuss a range of topics including education issues, safeguarding, future plans, finance, premises and other relevant issues.
- Each governor joins either the Resource Committee which covers finance, premises, HR and Health and Safety, or the Teaching, Learning and Ethos Committee which covers the provision of high-quality teaching and learning for all pupils, including the provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The committees meet once a term.
- In addition, governors take on specific areas of focus, often related to their field of expertise or interests.
- All governors are responsible for upholding the Christian ethos and values of the school, and for considering the role of the school in the community.
- Whilst we now meet face to face, meetings can still be attended virtually if necessary. This has proved very helpful for those juggling commuting or child care.

### **What skills and experience are needed?**

There is no specific experience needed and training is available. The most important asset is to have an interest and enthusiasm for the education of all children. The ability to work with others as a team, and to listen and ask relevant questions is also important.

The vacancies are for Foundation Governors who are required to share the school's Christian ethos and values but are not necessarily required to be church attendees.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Clerk of Governors: [vbrown@htprimary.co.uk](mailto:vbrown@htprimary.co.uk)