

# Become a School Governor at St Mary Magdalene C of E Primary School



## OUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU

### Parent Governor Vacancy

**Speak to the school office if interested.**

#### BACKGROUND

School governors represent the largest volunteer force in the country with approximately 1% of the adult population serving in this capacity at any one time. The governing body of St Mary Magdalene CE Primary has 15 governor positions of which 5 are for parent governors. Parent governors are elected by their fellow parents and are vital to a governing body because they ensure that the other governors are kept in touch with the concerns and issues of most importance to our parents.

#### CHARACTERISTICS AND ROLE OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Governors are people who wish to make a positive contribution to the school and the education of its children. They will contribute to the effective day-to-day running of the school and have an effective input toward the educational achievements of its pupils.

A governing body's overriding responsibility is to work in partnership with the head teacher to promote continuous improvement in the

performance of the school. This involves the establishment of a development plan, the setting of challenging but achievable targets and the interpretation of information to assess progress and determine appropriate action. Typically, a governor's duties will average at around 6 hours of spare time each month. Aligned to its improvement role, the governing body is there to be a 'critical friend' who can provide the right balance between supporting and challenging the performance of both the head teacher and the school.

#### TRAINING AND SUPPORT

LA values the voluntary contribution of its governors and in return aims to provide a high-quality training and support service. Governors are able to access this support in a variety of ways including online training and the termly provision of a training programme, with opportunities to attend either during the day or evening.

#### BECOMING A PARENT GOVERNOR

Being a parent governor can be stimulating, enjoyable and rewarding. If you have the enthusiasm and desire to become closely involved in the running of the school then please consider putting yourself forward for this current vacancy. Parent Governors are an important component in achieving an effective and well-balanced governing body.

**For further information contact the Head or school office to arrange to speak to a member of the present Governing Body or clerk to Governors who would be willing to talk to you about "being a Parent Governor".**

**All meetings take place on Tuesdays at 4.30pm and regular attendance is a crucial part of the important role.**