

COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT PARENT GOVERNOR?



All Saints CofE Primary School
All Believing, All Achieving

**Parent Governors'
Information Coffee Morning:
Tuesday, 5 November at 9:10**

The governing board plans the strategic direction of a school, makes sure public money is well spent, and holds school leadership to account.

A strong governing board ensures robust debate, which in turn leads to better educational outcomes for children.

Whatever your professional background, your skills could transform a school.

Our Governing board meets around 4 times a year to look at the big picture and the school's long-term goals. We set the culture and values of the school, responding to opportunities and challenges. Governors work closely with the headteacher, supporting them and challenging them.

Governors together are responsible for:

- developing a vision and strategy for the school,
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent,
- holding the school leadership to account to ensure that every pupil has the best possible education,
- engaging with pupils, staff, parents and the school community to understand their views.

Activities can include:

- attending governing board meetings: these normally take place around four times a year and may be held outside school hours.
- looking at information and evidence on the school's progress and discussing with school leaders.
- visiting the school to see plans working in practice, and listening to the views of staff, pupils and parents.
- selecting and appointing a headteacher when there is a vacancy.
- making decisions about issues such as pupil exclusions and staff disciplinary matters.
- undertaking induction training and ongoing development.

It is important to know that the Governing Body holds a strategic role.

This means that:

- ✗ they do not intervene for individual pupils' needs.
- ✗ they do not intervene on the day-to-day management or running of the school.
- ✗ they do not bring issues of concern to parents to governing body meetings.
- ✗ parent governors do not have to try to represent the views of all parents.


Governors of All Saints CofE Primary School are also expected to form part of a committee, which looks closer into things like finances, students' welfare, curriculum, faith education, etc. It would help if you have any transferable skills that might help the board in these areas.

The **time** commitment would be around **1 hour per week**, if you include all the visits, meetings and preparation. The impact you can have on the school is invaluable.

Governors are expected to make a visit to the school each term and an evening meeting after work hours half term – 3 of these will be online but 3 will be face to face.

If you would like more information, or you would like to have an informal chat about the role, or to put your name forward as a candidate, please, speak to the Chair of Governors:

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The Process...



INFORMATION

Ask the Chair or Headteacher if you have any questions.



NOMINATE

Put your name forward as a candidate.



ELECTIONS

Parents will vote to choose among the candidates this term.



JOIN

Join the Board of Governors