

## What can I offer as a parent governor?

- Enthusiasm and commitment
- An openness to learning and change
- Your local knowledge will be valuable: you will have a feel for what is important to people
- If you happen to have business or other skills, these might be helpful
- Governors also provide objectivity in debate and decision-making and can add further and different perspectives to school matters.

## What are the benefits?

- Being a school governor is a privilege – you are a small but very important part in an educational system with a very long history.
- The knowledge that you have played a part in improving local children's education and supported the school's staff.
- A chance to develop new skills, to practise and strengthen existing ones, such as chairing a meeting or leading on a key school issue.
- The opportunity to work as part of a team to make a real difference in the community.
- The opportunity to meet new people from all walks of life whom you probably would not have otherwise encountered.
- Knowing that the decisions you collectively make will have a huge impact on children's lives.
- You develop as a person and may even find that your experiences as a governor

## I'm interested in finding out more and applying. What do I do?

From January 2017 we will have vacancies for parent governors as well as co-opted governors on our governing body.

If you are interested in applying or if you have any questions please contact Mr Mills via the school e;mail for further information and an information pack.

If we have more parents apply for the vacancies than the number of actual vacancies, then we will hold an election and the parents of pupils on roll at the school will vote for who should fill the vacancies. All parents will be notified of the results.

If exact amount of parents apply for the number of vacancies then they are deemed to be 'elected unopposed'.

All parent governors will be offered the opportunity to attend training for the role and will receive lots of support to help get you started.

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**Calling all  
parents ...**

**Can you help to  
shape the future  
of our school?**

## Can you help to support our school?

We are seeking parents of children at our school to support us in achieving our aims for pupils each and every year, and to help us drive forward improvements in all aspects of school life for all of our pupils, our staff, and our school's community.

If you can spare approximately six hours or more a month on a voluntary basis then we would love to hear from you.

We need parents to make a difference in our school's community by becoming parent governors.

You don't need to have any qualifications or specialist skills. We are seeking parents who have a real willingness to help, who can listen carefully, read important documents, ask questions, and be able to contribute at meetings.

Your voice as a parent is very important to our school and it is vital that the governing body has good representation by our parents among its membership.

We support all our parent governor volunteers every step of the way.

***We do hope that you will give consideration to applying and look forward to hearing from you.***

## Our Mission Statement

The Governing Body along with the staff team at Oak Farm Junior School have developed a set of shared values and behaviours that they believe in, and which now form the cornerstone for all future school developments.

- The whole staff team are committed to the holistic development of every child.
- The whole staff team set high expectations, challenging children to reach their full potential, while also celebrating their success and achievement.
- The whole staff team strive for effective communication, co-operation and support, to ensure the sharing and ongoing development, of quality first teaching.
- The whole staff team are committed to delivering high quality teaching which engages every child.
- The whole staff team are dedicated and committed to their task, whilst also ensuring a healthy work/life balance for themselves



## Our Governing Body

Our school governors come from a variety of backgrounds and bring a wide range of perspectives to the governing body.

The governing body is a corporate body and makes decisions as a collective group. Governors must act with integrity, objectivity and honesty and in the best interests of the school.

The governing body has a strategic role and a wide range of duties in shaping the way in which the school operates and provides an education for the pupils. The governing body considers ways in which the school could do even better with the professional guidance of the Headteacher and school staff. The governing body must also provide information to account for the way in which public funds are spent to achieve the best outcomes for pupils.

Operational matters and the day to day running of the school are the responsibilities of the Headteacher.

Governors ask searching questions and respect the Headteacher's position as professional leader of the school.

The governing body meets at least once each term and committee meetings, covering specific areas of school life, take place each term. Governors are expected to visit the school in action so that they can see how the decisions that they make at a strategic level are working in the day to day