

*Make a difference*  
*Join our Governing Board*



## Parent Governor

The Role of the Parent Governor play a vital role on the Governing Board, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have first hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the 'consumers' point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school. It is important for parent governors to establish a rapport with the parental body which elected him/her, whilst continuing to maintain a strategic approach to school governance. Although being available to advise parents on appropriate routes of action it is vital that parent governors do not personally become involved in individual concerns.

### Parent Governors are appointed to:

- Present a balanced view of issues, representing different sections of the community.
- Make themselves known to the parent body
- Attend training sessions
- Listen impartially to concerns raised by parents

### Governors will also be involved in the following activities:

- The Curriculum
- Community links
- Senior staff appointments
- Financial management of the school
- Shaping the school with regards to long term development and improvement

### What we hope you will get out of being a governor:

- The knowledge that you are helping our pupils
- The satisfaction of giving something back to the community
- A sense of purpose and achievement
- New skills which may be useful elsewhere

### What we hope you can offer:

- Time (approximately six hours a month)
- A willingness to learn
- A listening ear and enquiring mind
- The ability to assimilate information, make judgements and take decisions
- The ability to work as part of a team



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