

Parent Governor

Further Information

The governing body of Oaklands Junior School requires new parent governors for its governing body. We seek individuals who have an awareness of standards in public life, a determination to abide by them and the integrity to participate in collective decision-making in the best interests of the School.

Governors should be able to demonstrate:

- An active interest in education and lifelong learning
- A commitment to delivering academic excellence through innovation
- An ability to work positively in a team and debate issues in a constructive manner
- A commitment to promoting equality and diversity
- The capacity to shape, implement and monitor policy

Required skills and experience:

- Human Resources
- Legal (education, employment, contract)
- Finance (particularly within the education or charity sectors)

We have 15 governor positions made up of 2 elected parent governors, 1 elected staff governor, 1 Head Teacher staff governor and 11 co-opted governors. We also have a professional Clerk.

All of our Governors have their own careers and responsibilities but they dedicate time to the school when they are able. Our Governors bring a wealth of different experience to the Governing Body which is highly valued. We are all volunteers who wish to make a positive contribution to the school and the education of all its children.

The governing body's overriding responsibility is to work in partnership with the Headteacher, to promote continuous improvement in the performance of the school. We play an important part in raising school standards through the key roles of setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability and monitoring and evaluating school performance.

The full governing body currently meets twice a term with committees meeting on a regular basis. In addition to the work outlined above, the governors review issues relating to behaviour, curriculum, staffing, building maintenance and finances. The governing body makes collective decisions.

Parent governors are elected for a term of 4 years. We try to ensure the body has a range of skills and expertise amongst members. We encourage all our governors to attend the excellent training provided by Bracknell Forest to ensure we maintain the skills necessary to fulfil our role. There is also a full induction programme for new governors.