



Dear Families,

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for one Parent Governor. Queensgate Foundation Primary School has always aimed for a partnership with parents, which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a Parent Governor.

School Governing Boards are made up of people with a range of skills and experiences, who are all volunteers and work together for the benefit of the School.

We are currently looking for volunteers who have -

- a desire to contribute to the development of the school and its community
- an interest in the performance of the school
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- a willingness to listen, ask questions and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
- time to help make a difference

The Governing Board's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

Parent Governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the Governing Board is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

Whatever your level of knowledge, skills and experience – enthusiasm, interest and a desire to learn are the important factors. Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role.

Being a governor can give you:

- a chance to use and develop your own skills and experience
- the opportunity to work within a team and share your ideas and own skill sets
- experience in working in a strategic environment
- a sense of achievement

If you feel you can help in this capacity please contact the office for an application form, which will need to be completed and returned to the school by 12.00 noon on Monday 3rd November. Further information for prospective governors can be found on the <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-governors/> or, alternatively please make an appointment via the office to meet with the Headteacher/Chair of Governors.

Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to a DBS check.

If there are more applications than vacancies, we will hold an election and parents will be sent a voting paper.

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