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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a vacancy for the role of parent governor on our governing board.

The role of the governing board

The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you will play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the governing board, but you are not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent governor you should have a strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children, together with good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills.

Expectations of governors

Governors are expected to attend meetings in person at school. However, in certain circumstances, attendance could be carried out virtually through video conferencing. The number of meetings you are required to attend will vary depending upon which committee(s) you could be a member of, but you will be expected to attend at least two meetings per term.

Whilst you may bring extensive skills and experience to function as a School Governor, there is comprehensive training available to further develop those skills. You should be aware that every governor must undergo Safeguarding training as part of their induction process as well as regular subsequent updates. Depending on the role or which committee you serve on, there may be more specific Safeguarding training required.

You should also be aware that the school governance regulations require you to have an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. This requirement is set out in paragraph 313 of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2023. This will be arranged through the school at no cost to yourself.



Governors normally serve for a term of office lasting four years but can, of course, resign at any time after election or appointment.

Although visiting the school may be a problem for some governors, governors are encouraged, through pre-arranged visits, to see for themselves that the school is implementing policies and improvement plans and how they are working in practice.

How to apply

If you would like to apply to become a parent governor, please provide a short statement (no more than 300 words) setting out why you wish to be a governor and the experience/skills that you would bring to the role. Statements should be submitted to Tracey Birley at t.birley@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk by Thursday 21st December 2023. If more than one application is received, a confidential ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if that is the case.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact Martin Booth at m.booth@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Booth
Chair of Governors