

Benwick Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Vacancy for a Parent Governor

The governing body is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. The governing body carries out its role by setting the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance.

The governing body of our school is made up of 4 parent governors, 2 staff governors, a local authority governor and up to 2 co opted governors.

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our governing body. Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can self nominate, stand for election and can vote in the election. A parent who works for the school for 500 hours or more, or a parent who is an elected member of the local authority (County Councillor) is not eligible to stand, but can vote. All school governors are required, by law, to be DRB checked.

Before you decide to stand for parent governor, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. You must have the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

Our governing body expects governors to:

- Attend meetings of the full governing body (1 per half term approx.)
- Visit the school formally for monitoring purposes at least twice a year
- Commit to attend 2 training courses per year.

In return, our governing body commits to:

- provide you with a structured induction
- provide access to quality training via Learn Together Cambridgeshire
- provide you with an experienced governor as mentor

All nominations should be received by 3pm on 19th July 2016. In the event of an election, ballot papers will go out to all parents on the 5th September. The election will take place on Monday 12th September 2016. This enables parents of children starting in September to apply.

Nominations can be sent to the school office in an envelope addressed to the Clerk to the Governors, or emailed to the clerk. Please include a brief résumé about yourself, as well as explaining why you would like to be a parent governor. (This information, in the event of an election, will be on the ballot sheet)

Valerie Gore, Clerk to the Governing Body -

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