



WANTED – NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

What are we looking for?

Our school Governing Body is made up of Community, Parent, Staff and Local Authority Governors who have joined us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences. They are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and are the link between the School and the community it serves.

We currently have a vacancy for a new Parent Governor and would be delighted to hear from anyone who is:

- Committed** Devoting the required time and energy to the role and ambitious to achieve best possible outcomes for young people. Prepared to give time, skills and knowledge to developing themselves and others in order to create highly effective governance.
- Confident** Of an independent mind, able to lead and contribute to courageous conversations, to express their opinion and to play an active role on the Governing Body.
- Curious** Possessing an enquiring mind and an analytical approach and understanding the value of meaningful questioning.
- Challenging** Providing appropriate challenge to the status quo, not taking information or data at face value and always driving for improvement.
- Collaborative** Prepared to listen to and work in partnership with others and understanding the importance of building strong working relationships within the Governing Body and with executive leaders, staff, parents and carers, pupils/students, the local community and employers.
- Critical** Understanding the value of critical friendship, which enables both challenge and support, and self-reflective, pursuing learning and development opportunities to improve their own and whole board effectiveness.
- Creative** Able to challenge conventional wisdom and be open-minded about new approaches to problem-solving; recognising the value of innovation and creative thinking to organisational development and success.
- Confidential** Able to maintain the confidential nature of Governing Body discussions and possess unquestionable discretion.

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a Governor at Kempsey Primary School.

Being a governor can be enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding. Please don't be put off by thinking that you have to have specialist expertise or knowledge. Enthusiasm and interest is much more important to start with and there is tried and tested training and support available to help you throughout the four years' term of office. And remember, you will be joining a long established



governing body and will be supported by fellow governors with many years of combined experience.

What can we offer?

- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our School
- Training to develop an understanding of specific School management issues
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School
- The pleasure of helping pupils reach their potential

What is the Governing Body's Role?

The Governing Body of our school provides strategic leadership through robust accountability, oversight and assurance for educational and financial performance. We have three core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding school leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

The Governing Body works together as a team:

- Sometimes the whole governing body is involved - there are a minimum of four meetings of the Full Governing Body each year
- Sometimes Governors work in smaller working groups, looking at specific areas of the school's work in more detail.
- Governors have specific responsibilities – for example, Special Educational Needs, Health & Safety, Safeguarding or school subjects
- In addition to a full and detailed induction programme (delivered by the Governor Services Team), all Governors have the opportunity to undertake further training to build on existing skills or to help develop new ones

If you are interested, please complete and return the nomination form attached to this letter. Current Parent Governors will be happy to talk to you informally in the playground about this role.

Please find attached a nomination form for the post of PARENT GOVERNOR. You may nominate yourself or another (provided you have the permission of the person you are nominating).

**PLEASE RETURN NOMINATION FORMS BY
WEDNESDAY, 29TH MARCH**



Kempsey Primary School

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee

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Address

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Signature of nominee

Confirming willingness to stand

Date

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The above named parent has a child at the school, is willing to serve if elected, and I would like to nominate him/her for appointment as a Parent Governor of the school. **(Not required in the case of self-nomination.)**

Nominated by

Date

Signature and address

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Seconded by

Date

Signature and address

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Information about the nominee which he/she would like printing on the voting papers (maximum 150 words)

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the Clerk to the Governing body, via the school office, or electronically to marian-walters@tiscali.co.uk by noon on Wednesday, 29th March 2017