



WANTED - NEW FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

Baydon St Nicholas Primary School has a very active governing body made up of members of staff, clergy, members of the Church community and parents. A governor's term of office lasts 4 years and most are recruited through word of mouth and/or recommendation and each has a different set of skills and experiences that make up a well-rounded Governing committee.

Due to the natural turnover of office, we are currently looking to recruit 3 Foundation Governors who are appointed by the Church authorities and have a specific responsibility in terms of monitoring and developing the Christian distinctiveness of our Church school. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is a regular Church goer and has:-

- an interest in the school;
- a desire to contribute to the community;
- the ability to look at issues objectively;
- the confidence to ask questions and debate answers;
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements;
- the ability to work well with others;
- time to spare.

Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible.

WHAT DO GOVERNORS DO?

The Governing Body of our school plays a key role in:-

- deciding policy and future development plans;
- setting targets and raising educational standards;
- monitoring progress in meeting these targets;
- supporting and challenging the Headteacher and therefore the performance of the staff and the school as a whole.

Our Governing Body works together as a team and sometimes the whole governing body is involved. There are six Full Governing Body (FGB) meetings a year. At other times we work in teams on various committees, looking at specific areas of the school in more detail, i.e. Finance, Buildings, Worship, Health & Safety and Teaching & Learning. The committees meet regularly and report back to the FGB. Some governors have specific responsibilities such as Policies, Early Years and Special Educational Needs.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- The chance to develop skills in strategic management;
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our school;
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our school;
- The pleasure of helping our children reach their potential.
- In addition to a full induction session, all governors have the opportunity to undertake further training to build on existing skills and develop an understanding of specific school management issues.

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 your term. And remember, you will be joining a long established governing body and will be supported by fellow governors with many combined years of experience.

If you think you might be interested, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Chair, Lesley Whelan, via the School Office either by telephone on 01672 540554 or by email admin@baydon-st-nicholas.wilts.sch.uk.