



Co-opted Governor required

What are we looking for?

Pottery Primary School Board of Governors is made up of Parents, Staff, Local Authority and Co-opted Governors. Co-opted Governors include both parents and members of the community. Our Governors may come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, however they are volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the school and the community it serves.

We are currently looking for a new Co-opted Governor and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- A keen interest in the performance of the school;
- A desire to contribute to and represent the community;
- An open and enquiring mind;
- The ability to look at issues objectively;
- The confidence to ask questions;
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgements;
- The ability to work well with others.

What can we offer?

Being a Governor can be enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding. It can also 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 full potential

What is the Governing Board's Role?

The Governing Body of Pottery Primary School has three core functions:

Setting Strategic Direction

Championing our vision, values and ethos and setting priorities for school improvement.

Holding to account

We are responsible for holding the Head Teacher and Senior Leaders to account for the quality of teaching and learning, levels of achievement, behaviours and safety.

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Ensuring good financial governance

Ensuring good financial management by setting and overseeing the budget, ensuring that resources are allocated to school priorities and needs. In practice, though, the Board of Governors can be best described as a 'critical friend'. The Head Teacher has overall responsibility for the internal organisation, management and control of the school, and the Board of Governors is there to provide a framework which helps the Head Teacher to deliver the aims and vision of Pottery Primary School and enables the school to reach its full potential through the right mix of support and challenge.

Additional information

The Full Governing Board meets a minimum of 6 times a year; 3 as the Full Governing Board and 3 as the Resources/Curriculum Committee. As a Governor you may be required to have a special responsibility, i.e. as the Special Educational Needs Governor, Governor with a key Curriculum Area for example.

Remember

- You don't have to be a parent - please feel free to share this with friends, relatives, or colleagues who you think may have an interest in becoming involved
- Please don't be put off by thinking that you must have specialist experience or knowledge
- Enthusiasm and interest are much more important to start with and there is training and support to help you, including an induction programme and training provided through the Local Authority, as well as experienced Governors to support you

If you are interested, please submit the attached expression of interest form to: Mrs Dawn Pike, Clerk to the Governors, at the address above or email: dpike@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk

The expression of interest should be no more than 500 words, explaining your background and why you are interested in joining us.

If you would like an informal chat regarding the role, please contact Martin Osborne, Vice-Chair of Governors on 07854610319.

Closing date for applications will be Friday 8th October 2021.

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