

Uplands Junior School Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you objective, focused on broad educational needs and keen to raise aspirations for all pupils? Are you a parent of a school aged child? Do you have experience in areas such as Project Management, Finance, Health & Safety, Mental Health & Welfare, the Community or are involved in education? We have an opportunity for you to share your skills and enthusiasm as a parent governor on our board.

The Governing Board:

- Sets the strategic direction for the school
- Holds the Headteacher to account on finance and pupil outcomes
- Work to improve the outcomes for every child at Uplands.
- Are “eyes on, hands off.” (The day-to-day running of the school is for the Headteacher)
- Has real impact: we work as part of the leadership team to create and implement the school’s Vision and Aims
- Challenge and support school leaders to drive continual school improvement

Your commitment:

- Four 2 hour Full Governing Board meetings a year – currently 3.30/45pm on Mondays in school. (Attendance is crucial, especially the first meeting of the academic year where decisions takes place)
- Member of either the Finance & Pay Committee (via Teams) or Curriculum, Progress & Achievement Committee (in school). Both meet 3 times a year.
- Pre-reading for meetings - come with questions!
- Induction, essential safeguarding and ongoing training - online and in-person
- Visit the school at least once a term to meet with staff and children, as directed by the board. Monitoring and reporting on progress in specific subjects or school improvement priorities is a key to fulfilling your governance role.
- Be a representative parent; not a parent representative

Why do it?

- Collectively, governors lead the school. It’s a real chance to make a difference in children’s lives
- Governors gain a deep knowledge of the primary education sector.
- School governance offers opportunity for personal development such as: building your skills and experience in areas such as project management, budgeting and working as part of senior leadership team

Need more information?

- Have a look at this brief video from The National Association of Governance about the role:
https://youtu.be/mRqJ_bFipHk
- A full job description is on the Governor page on the Uplands school website along with a list of those who are not eligible to apply
- Contact the school office who will put you in touch with one of our governors

How to apply?

- Nominate yourself to stand for election by completing the attached form.
- Please write a brief statement about yourself highlighting relevant experience, skills or knowledge to help parents decide whom to vote for (if an election is required).
- **Nominations should be sent or emailed to the school office, clearly marked as PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY**
- **DEADLINE** Nomination forms must be received by 4pm on Friday 18th November 2022.
- Should there be more than one nomination for the vacancy ballot papers will then be sent out to all parents.

All our governors are required to complete a DBS check and adhere to our Governor Code of Conduct.