



HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Having strong governance - in the form of a team of committed school governors - is essential to ensure that a school runs effectively.

The governing body at a school has three core functions:

- to plan the strategic direction, vision and ethos of the school;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school (and ensuring its money is well spent);
- to hold the headteacher and school leadership team to account (through a balance of challenge and support) for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.

The governor role is strategic rather than operational. Therefore governors don't get involved in the day to day running of a school. Instead they support and challenge the school's leadership team to drive school improvement.

We ask our school governors to attend 6 meetings each year. In addition to this, they are invited to come into school to observe what's happening on at least two separate occasions each year and they may also serve on a committee (or panel) as and when required. It is vital that they get to know the staff and pupils - and work well as a team. In this respect we divide the key roles amongst the members of the governing body - with each overseeing a key component of the school curriculum (e.g. Mathematics, Design Technology, etc) and core functions (e.g. health and safety, safeguarding, recruitment, etc).

Being a school governor is a commitment and a responsibility, but offers you the chance to see first-hand the impact you can make in improving education for children in the school that your child(ren) attend.

We still have a vacancy for a parent governor on our Governing Board and are keen to fill this ahead of the new school year. Therefore we are asking you to nominate a parent or carer of a child at the school who would be agreeable to taking up this important position either immediately (or from the start of the new school year - in September 2022).

If we receive more than one nomination, then a ballot will need to be held. However, if we receive just one nomination then this person would automatically take up this post.

Governors need not be experts in education but they do need to have an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children; and the time and willingness to get involved.

The skills you have, as a parent or carer, will undoubtedly be very useful to the Governing Board; and having new and fresh ideas is vital to ensure our school continues to thrive and improve.

Our Governing Body currently consists of:

- Kirsty Moremon (Parent Governor and Chair of Governors)
- Diane Mercer (Co-opted Governor and Vice Chair of Governors)
- Anthony Hilldrup (Headteacher)
- Mark Dennett (LA Governor)
- Laura Whiting (Staff Governor)
- Anne Simmons (Co-opted Governor)
- Gavin McBride (Co-opted Governor)
- David McClelland (Associate Governor)

- VACANCY (Parent Governor)
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While we have had some interest in one of the Co-opted Governor vacancies, we require parents to nominate a second Parent Governor – so that we can operate with a full governing body board. Therefore, if you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to the governance at our school please contact Mr Hilldrup (Headteacher) or Mrs Moremon (Chair of Governors).

If you would like to make a nomination for somebody to become a parent governor, please speak to them first! Then if they are in agreement to be nominated, please complete and return the nomination form below. You can nominate yourself!

Parent Governor Nomination Form

Please enter IN BLOCK LETTERS the name and address **of the person being nominated for election:**

Name:

Address:

Signature of person nominated:

Signature of proposer (if different to nominee):

Name and address in BLOCK letters of proposer (if different to nominee):

Should we get more than one nomination, each nominee will be asked to put forward a short Personal Statement (maximum 250 words) which will be used to inform other parents and carers of the reasons why you would like to become a parent governor at Halton Lodge Primary School and what skills you would bring to the role - so they can then vote for their preferred candidate in a Parent Governor election.

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by 10:30am on Friday 20th May 2022.

(Should an election be required, this will be scheduled to take place immediately after half term, during the first full week of June).