Be a Parent Governor!

Summer 2023

Be part of your school

You can help

The Governing Body at Sholden School has a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

This is a vital role enabling the Governing Body at Sholden to make rounded decisions that influence how our children are educated and cared for. We have two Parent Governor positions, and one has recently become vacant. It is important that the views of parents are fully applied and appreciated when important decisions are being considered.

Sholden School governing body consists of 12 governors, and it is supported by a professional clerk.

Our full governing body meets every term and we also have four focused committees; Resources (looking at finance & property), Strategy (looking at the strategic direction of the school and governing body), Ethos (looking at the school's vision and Christian dialogue) and Teaching & Learning (looking at pupil attainment and progression). There is also monitoring visits to school.

Full training is offered, much of it is available remotely so can be done in your own schedule at home. There is a scheme to support governors in terms of travel expenses & childcare costs. Please take a moment to read this leaflet and think about how you could volunteer.

If more than one parent is nominated the school will organise an election; parents will decide their representative.

Benefits of being a governor:

Develop your skills

Being a Parent Governor at Sholden School will allow your personal & professional skills to develop, and you CV can be enhanced with some of these experiences:

Strategic Planning

Experience on a board

Hold senior leaders to account

Financial oversight

HR & performance management

Communication & teamwork

Marketing

Decision making

Can I do it?

Yes, you can!

There are of course certain commitments in being a Parent Governor.

- **Time**: this depends on your role but 6-8 hours per month is average.
- **Peer pressure**: Parent Governors are not delegates and do not speak on 'behalf' of parents. Their role and responsibilities are no different from other governors.
- **Experience**: most newly appointed Parent Governors have never been governors previously so lack of experience should not deter you from applying. Your experience of life, family & society will be valued and appreciated. School governors are the largest volunteer force in education. You will receive mentoring and training.
- **Someone else will do it**; you ARE that someone else. You will be part of over 250,000 governors in the UK so come and be part of the team.

If you would like more information, please contact the school office

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Or contact the Chair of Governors Philip Marsh via the school office or email directly
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Alternatively, please speak with any governor who will be pleased to help you gain further knowledge about what it is like to be a governor at Sholden School.

Our vision is to build a community of Hope and Love around our village school; embracing all creation, valuing respect, dignity, diversity and individuality. Like Noah, we provide a safe ark in which to foster creative, critical thinking through a dynamic, engaging learning environment where all can flourish and prosper.