

## **Silkstone Common J&I School Governor Vacancies**

An exciting opportunity has arisen within Silkstone Common's J&I School Governing Body to appoint three new governors.

The membership of the governing body changes each year as governors come to the end of their tenure, or leave for personal reasons. We currently have 3 vacancies on the Governing Body for parent / co opted Governors. A parent Governor is someone with parental responsibility for a child at our school and a co opted Governor is a person appointed by the Governing body; both of which must have the skills required to contribute to the effect governance and success of school.

All governing bodies have 3 key functions:

- To ensure the school has a clear vision and strategic direction;
- To hold the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the pupils and the performance management of staff;
- To oversee the financial performance of the school.

We are keen to ensure that we have a good spread of skills across the governing body, and as such would welcome nominations from people with particular experience of financial planning, monitoring and decision making to compliment the current governor skill set.

It's a key role, and governors develop a thorough understanding of how the school functions, its strengths and weaknesses, and have the ability to influence them. However, it does demand a reasonable time commitment – preparing for and attending 2 or 3 meetings per term and undertaking training in the various roles and functions a governor must play. In addition, most governors have a specific function within the Governing Body, which could involve time meeting with staff, visiting school and liaising with other governors.

If you are interested in applying and think you have the skills we're looking for, please call Helen Greenwood, Chair of Governors on 07792106388 or Erica Greaves, Vice Chair of Governors on 07803045507 and they can discuss the role with you in more detail.

It's an exciting time to be a governor in our school, and the role is challenging and rewarding. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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