



Cowes Primary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Parent Governor Vacancy

We wrote to you in September regarding a vacancy for a parent governor which we needed to fill as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we received no applications and are now readvertising the vacancy.

Cowes Primary School has always aimed for a partnership with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

The governing body's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos, and strategic direction;
- to hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

In looking to fill this vacancy the governors of the school have identified the following skills, experience, and attributes that they feel would help strengthen the governing body:

- enthusiasm and commitment
- excellent communication skills
- flexibility and discretion.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support, as well as access to external governor training.

If you feel you can help in this capacity, please contact the office for an application form which will need to be completed and returned to the school by 12.00 noon on Monday 29th November 2021.

There is the information for prospective governors on the [Hampshire Governor Services website](#).

Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service Check and an identity check.

If there are more applications than vacancies, we will hold an election and you will be sent a voting paper in due course with details on how to vote.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher/Chair of Governors

