



Why become a Parent Governor?

If you are interested in education, and would like to have some influence in shaping the direction of this excellent School; and if you feel that you have something to offer, then please think seriously about putting your name forward.

You may have a specific expertise to offer the School: more important than this though is to be able to bring your common sense and knowledge of life to the role. Of course, discretion, reliability, and commitment are important qualities. You are a critical friend to the School.

Please think carefully about whether you would be able to serve the School and its pupils in this way. If so, why not put your name forward? You will not regret it.

If you have any questions that are not answered here, please contact the School and your details will be passed on to the Chair of Governors.



What, *Me*, A Parent Governor?

Have you ever thought about it?

Not sure what's involved?

- Here are some of your questions answered

1. What qualifications would I need?

Only the one – you must be the parent or guardian of a pupil at the School.



2. How long would my term of office be?

The term of office is four years.

3. My daughter is in Year 10, so is there any point in standing?

You do not have to stand down when your daughter leaves the School - you can continue to serve the full term if you wish.

4. Who else is on the Governing Body?

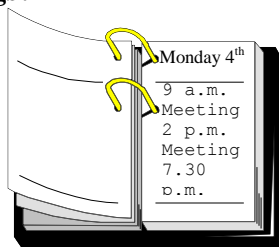
There are 15 Governors in total. Apart from Parent Governors there are Community Governors, a Teacher Governor, a Support Staff Governor, LA appointed Governors and the Head Teacher.

5. Will I be spending all my time at meetings?

No! The full Governing Body meets once a month on the last Monday of term time during the month – this meeting starts at 7 p.m. and will last for two to three hours.

Governors are also represented on Health and Safety, Catering and Millais PTA committees.

The dates of all meetings are published at the start of the year.



6. Is it all meetings?

As a Governor you are invited to share in other events such as ‘Prizegiving Evening’, ‘Certificate Evening’, the Carol Service, the School Concert, and the Staff/Governors Cream Tea. These are good opportunities to meet the staff and other parents.

7. What if I need time off work to attend meetings – do I have to use my holidays?

Under Employment Law employers must give school governors “reasonable time off” to carry out their duties, but they are not obliged to pay you.

8. Is there any training available?

The LA run a wide range of training courses, from introductory ones for new governors to more specific ones relating for example to finance, special education needs and discipline at school. Details of these are sent to each Governor each year and new Governors are expected to attend introductory courses. These courses, which are held at Horsham, Crawley, Worthing, or Chichester, will not cost you anything and can be attended in the evenings if wished. There are also resources available at the Teachers Professional Centre in Clarence Road

9. Will I drown in a sea of paperwork?

No. You will receive minutes of all Governors’ meetings. You will also receive communications from the LA and the DCSF. In addition there is a Governors’ Library held at the School, with copies of legislation and official publications. Much of the content is now online and therefore more easily accessible.

