



St George's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Nominations for Parent Governors

Would you like to help with the improvement of our school? We are very keen to appoint **two** parent governors to our Governing Body for the start of 2019.

As you know each school has their own Governing Body. The Governing Body of St George's Primary School has two vacancies for parent governor roles. These positions have become vacant because the term of office for one of our parent governors has ended and another parent governor has had to resign from their position due to other commitments.

We are asking for nominations for parent governor by Friday 23rd November 2018.

The term of office of all governors, with the exception of the head teacher, is four years.

What Do Our Governors Do?

- School governors have important responsibilities for the overall conduct and development of the school. Information about how our Governing Body works is on the school website: <http://www.stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk/page/governors/38008>
- We have restructured in the last two years with a new Chair of Governors, new Vice Chair of Governors and different committees to improve the way that we work. Governors will be asked to work with senior leaders in the school in areas of strength or interest. These include HR, data, curriculum, safeguarding, special needs, buildings, finance, curriculum, health and safety.
- Governors attend a few meetings every term (normally in the evenings) and work with senior leaders in specific areas on aspects of school improvement and policy.
- Governors are central to the strategic development of the school. This includes decisions regarding budgets and how we ensure that senior leaders are accountable for the performance of the school.

Clearly the views of parents and the skills that they can bring are of great value to our Governing Body. All governors, including parent governors, are valued for their contribution to the life of the school.

What Are the Expectations of Parent Governors?

All governors bring something different to our Governing Body. We are looking for governors who have skills, interests or experience in:

- **Promoting highest standards of safety and safeguarding in the school.** You do not need to be an expert in this field. We will provide detailed induction and training. We are looking for a governor to champion the importance of safeguarding.
- **Ensuring that we provide our children with an excellent curriculum.** You do not need to be an expert in this field. We will provide detailed induction and training. We are looking for a governor with a passion about learning.
- Our current parent governors say that on average you need to be able to commit a minimum of 8 to 12 hours a school term to attend meetings, read papers, undertake school visits etc.
- That you undertake basic training and induction
- You are interested in children and education
- That you are a positive and open minded person, who enjoys working with others.
- Confidentiality and discretion.

How Will the School Support Me in My Role?

- Ensure a full induction and a governor mentor to help you adjust to the role
- We are a positive, friendly and welcoming group. There will be a lot of support.
- Access to high quality online training and impartial advice.
- Face to face training opportunities to help you develop and understand how the school works.
- We will also offer you:
 - ✚ A chance to contribute to the improvement of our local school.
 - ✚ A chance to develop new skills
 - ✚ Tea, coffee, biscuits and a friendly welcome

Do Parent Governors Enjoy the Role?

Below is a quote from one of our current parent governors.

'Being a Parent Governor has given me a great insight into how our school is run. So far I have been involved in a number of valuable tasks including taking part in the recruitment process for new teaching staff. During both the Committee and Full Governor's Meeting's I have been able to contribute with ideas or with my opinion on various matters. I thoroughly enjoy being a Governor, not only do I feel I am contributing to my children's education, I also have learnt so much about our school and the education it provides.' **Charlotte Scott, Parent Governor**

How Do I Find Out More?

Information about the role of Governing Bodies and Parent Governors can be found in lots of different sources. This includes:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx>

<https://www.gov.uk/education/school-governance>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/school_governor/

Our school's website has information on the Governing Body and minutes from our recent meetings. This may help to develop the understanding of how we work.

<http://www.stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk/page/governors/33566>

How Do You Apply to be a Parent Governor?

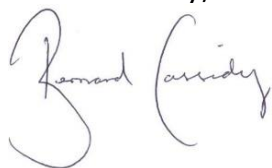
- ✚ You have to be a parent or carer at any Wirral school.
- ✚ You can complete the attached application form, or collect a form from the school office in person, or you can e-mail us at schooloffice@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk

Candidates are asked to complete the form and supply, **in not more than 150 words**, a note on their background and interests.

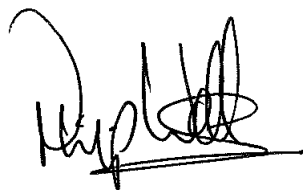
You will also need the application to be supported by nominations from two members of our school community.

- All forms must be returned to the school office by 3.00pm on Friday 23rd November.
- In the event of more than two nominations, it will be necessary to hold an election. We will contact you about this process.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Bernard Cassidy
Head Teacher



Mr Philip Walters
Chair of Governors