

BECOMING A PARENT GOVERNOR



We are currently looking for a parent governor to represent Henlow Academy on our local governing body. If you have a commitment to improving outcomes for our pupils, a willingness to learn and an interest in being part of a friendly, inclusive and dedicated team then we would love you to join us.

Who are school governors?

School governors play an important role in helping to run local schools. It's an extremely rewarding role and governors are the largest volunteer group in the country, working to do something positive and make a difference to education in the community. Our governors are a mix of people from the area.

What do governors do?

The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. We are all passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

What do parent governors do?

There are several different types of governor, and elected parent governors form an integral part of a governing body. You will be elected by the parents however you are not a parent representative and do not report back to parents. If parents have any comments about the way the school is run, they should always get in touch with the headteacher and her team first.

What don't we do?

We do not get involved in the day-to-day running of the school, that's the job of the headteacher and her team. We don't inspect the school or its staff, we don't decide what the pupils are taught and we don't make any judgements on the quality of teaching.

What is the time commitment?

We hold two meetings a term. You would be expected to attend these and read all papers in advance. We'd also hope you'd get involved in additional areas such as subject monitoring, finance or staffing and attend meetings around these areas too.

Training and mentorship

Plenty of training is on offer for new governors, from the Local Authority, the Diocese and online providers such as the NSPCC and the NGA. When you're appointed, you will have the support of our experienced team of governors who will be available able to answer any questions you may have.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for parent governors who are committed to Poppy Hill Church of England Multi Academy Trust and its future, with a keen and active interest in education and school improvement. We ask our governors to commit to:

- Attendance at meetings
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Training
- Visiting the school

Our Governing Board already contains a wealth of teaching experience. We are ideally looking to broaden the skill set to ensure a fully rounded approach. All newly appointed governors are also required to complete an enhanced DBS check.

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