

Could You be a School Governor?

Your Local Church School Needs You!

St Mary and All Saints CE Primary School in Beaconsfield is looking to appoint Governors, following the retirement of two dedicated members of the governing body, after 8 years of service. This is an important time in the school's journey as we appoint a new Headteacher, and, after much hard work, look forwards to showcasing all our strengths, our excellent results, and most importantly our amazing children, to Ofsted. As a Governing Board member, you could help to make a real difference to a nurturing and high achieving local school.

St Mary and All Saints is a popular, Church of England school, based in the new town on Maxwell Road. Staff are skilled, committed and student focused, the school boasts excellent and well managed facilities, and results are above Buckinghamshire and national averages across all Key Stages. The school has around 350 students between the ages of 4 and 11, and one of the delights of working as a School Governor is enjoying seeing these children grow, learn and flourish!

These are voluntary roles which support the school's Leadership Team in the governance of the school. We want a Board of Governors that is diverse with a wide range of skills. You do not need experience of working in education and we actively welcome applications from people with experience in different fields and from a wide range of backgrounds. What is most important is to have Board members who are committed to the school and wellbeing of our children. We need individuals with the time, skills, interest, and commitment to help the school to thrive at this important time.

The Role of a Governor

A School Governor is there to support the school, not manage it! Governors are responsible for helping to set and maintain the strategic direction of a school, ensure that the Head and Leadership Team are running the school well, make sure that school funding is being used effectively and represents excellent value for money, and support and develop our most important resource: our incredible staff. Following a disappointing Ofsted report recently, good governance is of particular importance to St Mary and All Saints. Much of the work has already been done; appointing the school's next Headteacher will be our next key responsibility, to ensure the school continues to make excellent progress.

Typically, the Full Governing Board meets six times per year. Governors are also expected to join a subcommittee of their choosing which also meets around six times a year. A comprehensive programme of professional training is available, and it is important that Governors take their training responsibilities seriously.

How to apply

If you are interested in a rewarding, volunteer role, which helps to shape the education of future generations, we would love to hear from you. Of particular interest would be individuals with experience in human resources (HR), building and surveying or Health and Safety. However, what is most important is that you have an interest in being actively involved in the school and making a difference to its young people. We currently have vacancies for Foundation, Co-opted and Foundation Governors. To express an interest or simply to find out more, please email Caroline Davis-King, Chair of Governors, at carolinedk@stmaryallsaints.co.uk and she will be happy to meet with you over a coffee, to talk through the role in more detail.