



## Co-opted Governor Vacancy

The governing body of Owlsmoor Primary School has two vacancies for a Co-opted Governor. We are looking to connect with people from the local community who have a desire to continue and improve upon the success of the school. Particularly, we are keen to hear from those who have experience of marketing, the media, IT, education and/or finance skills that will enrich the expertise of the governing body.

Our governing body has 13 positions which comprise of the Headteacher, 1 Local Authority governor, 3 elected parent governors, 2 elected staff governors and 7 co-opted governors. We also employ a professional Clerk.

All of our Governors have their own careers and responsibilities but they dedicate time to the school when they are able. Our Governors bring a wealth of different experience to the Governing Body including financial expertise, strategic planning and more practical skills, all of which are highly valued.

The governing body's overriding responsibility is to work in partnership with the Headteacher, who we appoint, to promote the continuous improvement in the performance of the school. We play an important part in raising school standards through our three key roles of setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability and monitoring and evaluating school performance.

We understand that all our governors have other commitments in their lives, however we ask that governors attend at least two meetings per term, attend one training session per academic year and visit the school during the working day at least once during an academic year. Our governors all agree that seeing how the school runs and the impact of their decisions on the school community is the most enjoyable part of being a governor.

Our most recent Ofsted inspection rated the school as 'Good', with the following comments about governance at the school:

*"The governing body meets regularly with school leaders and has built a very clear understanding of how well pupils are doing. Members closely involve themselves with all aspects of school life, bringing their own expertise to bear. They forge close links with parents, making sure they are there at consultation meetings. They keep abreast of pupil progress meetings and often question and challenge the school's leaders on the fine detail of the results of testing. The governing body keeps a watchful eye on school spending, particularly that linked with pupil premium, ensuring this funding has the desired impact."*

Bracknell Forest supports governors with an experienced team who can offer advice and with a comprehensive training programme – which can be applicable in other fields of work.

We believe that being a governor at Owlsmoor Primary School can give a volunteer a deep level of personal satisfaction in helping others in their community, as well as developing practical skills useful in all workplaces.

If you are interested in the above position, please request an application pack from Fiona Stanton, Clerk to the Governors, via [secretary@office.owlsmoor.bracknell-forest.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@office.owlsmoor.bracknell-forest.sch.uk)