

Co-opted Governor Vacancy

The governing body of Fox Hill Primary School, Bracknell, has vacancies for 4 Co-opted Governors.

We are looking to encourage people from the local community to join our governing body at Fox Hill Primary School. We are particularly keen to hear from those who have experience of:

- Health and Safety
- Finance/Audit experience
- Process improvement or Project Management skills
- HR, Personnel, Recruitment
- Strong community links or ties
- Teaching and/or knowledge of educational data/strong data analysis skills

Our governing body currently has 8 governors, which are comprised of the Headteacher, 1 elected parent governor, 1 Local Education Authority governor and 5 co-opted governors. We also have 1 Associate governor and 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 recent Ofsted inspection rated the school as 'GOOD, after being a school that required improvement for some years. Needless to say we are delighted and it is down to the hard work of the Headteacher, staff, Governors and pupils.

Governors play a very important role in the following ways:

Forging close links with parents and supporting the school at consultation meetings.

Keeping abreast of pupil progress meetings.

Constructive challenge of the school's leaders on the fine detail of the results of testing.

Keeping a watchful eye on school spending, particularly that linked with pupil premium, ensuring this funding has the desired impact.

Bracknell Forest Borough Council supports governors with an experienced team of expert advisers, together with a comprehensive training programme – which can be applicable in other fields of work. We believe that being a governor at Fox Hill 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 Claire Pollard, Clerk to the Governors, via email clerk@foxhillschool.co.uk