

CHALFORD HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL - GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Chalford Hill Primary School offers children from 4 to 11 years old an inspiring education through contemporary, engaging teaching methods and a strong commitment to outdoor learning. With a history stretching back 145 years in the heart of the village, we are proud of our place in the community, promoting positive values and personal wellbeing to prepare our 200+ children for a rapidly changing world. In January 2018 Ofsted acknowledged that our school "... leaders share an uncompromising drive for excellence to ensure that all pupils receive the best possible education in a safe and nurturing environment."

Last year, we completed a major building project resulting in two new classrooms, a new playground, on-site kitchen and improvements to the school hall. We now want to bring about our vision for further enriching our indoor and outdoor learning environments to help happy, confident children reach for their dreams. The commitment, varied skillsets and life experiences of our Governing Body is critical for guiding and supporting our brilliant staff and pupils. We are now seeking an additional member of the Governor team to help us on our journey and to meet the challenges that schools now face.

Chalford Hill Primary School is compiling a register of people who may be interested in being co-opted on to the governing body as vacancies arise.

At this time we would particularly welcome people from industry and the local community to complement our representation of parent members.

No formal qualifications are required, but all governors are expected to embody the following characteristics:

- An interest in raising the educational achievement of all children.
- A commitment to the vision and values of the school.
- Sound communication skills in listening, speaking and writing.
- Assimilation skills to help absorb and make use of wide ranges of information.
- The capacity to develop knowledge and understanding of the school and its community.
- A sense of fairness and a commitment to equality.
- An ability to work constructively as a member of a team.
- An ability to respect confidentiality.

The Role and Responsibilities of the Governing Body

At Chalford Hill, the role of the Governing Body is:

- To provide a strategic view of where the school is heading.
- To act as a critical friend by providing support and advice to the school.
- To hold the school to account for the quality of the education it provides and the educational standards it achieves.

The Governing Body has many responsibilities, including:

- Developing the Strategic Plan for the school.
- Determining the vision, aims, policies and priorities of the school.
- Setting targets, monitoring and evaluating the work of the school.
- Appointing staff.
- Setting and monitoring the budget.
- Ensuring that all children in the school have access to a broad and balanced curriculum which is suitable to age, aptitude and ability and which nurtures the whole child and encourages respect for others.
- Ensuring the Health and Safety of children and staff.
- Maintaining and improving the school environment.

Expectations and Commitment

As a school Governor, you would be expected to:

- Attend Full Governing Body meetings (half-termly on a Wednesday night) and read agendas, papers and minutes.
- Become a member of Committees and attend meetings at least once a term or as necessary.
- Attend training sessions as appropriate.
- Undertake occasional monitoring visits to see first hand how priorities identified in the school's development plan are being put into practice.
- Know the school well, take opportunities to visit and become involved in school activities.

If you feel that you could play a part in supporting the school and make a positive contribution to its work please contact Sarah Fielder, Clerk to the Governors at governors.clerk@chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk.

Thank you for your interest.

Corinne Martin (Head teacher)

Tim Woodfine (Chair of Governors) Chris Gardiner (Vice Chair of Governors)