

Hordle Church of England (VA) Primary School & Nursery

Parent Governor

We are currently seeking to fill a parent governor vacancy on the Governing Body of Hordle CE (VA) Primary School. The regulations for governor vacancies prescribe that the position is advertised to all parents and we therefore welcome all applications.

If there are more applications than vacancies, we will hold an election and you will be sent a voting paper in due course. You may return the ballot paper either via your child or by post. In either case, I will write to inform you of the outcome.

About the role

What do Governors do?

At Hordle CE Primary School it is our overarching aim to ensure that each and every child has the opportunity to 'live life in all its fullness'. As school Governors we play an important role in ensuring that this aim guides each and every decision we make; keeping the children's interests at heart, enabling them to thrive in God's love.

Hordle CE Primary School has always aimed for a partnership with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

The governing body's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

No one governor is expected to know it all! The strength of a governing body lies in its ability to attract and rely upon members from a wide variety

of backgrounds, share out duties amongst its members and be able to take decisions as a group.

What is the commitment?

The governing body meets twice half-termly and you will be assigned a sub-committee as part of your role. Meetings are held both during the day and in the evenings (a combination of in-person and virtual meetings) so a certain degree of flexibility is desirable. You will be expected to get to know the school through visits, developing a sound knowledge of a range of school matters.

Training and support will be available to help new governors develop into the role, with in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training. You will be expected to undertake some statutory training such as safeguarding to ensure that you have the skills to carry out your role. We are a busy, energetic governing body and are seeking someone with a strong commitment to the school to join us in this hugely rewarding and interesting role.

We would welcome anyone interested in finding out more about the role to contact the school to arrange an informal chat.

Where can I find out more?

If you feel you can help in this capacity please contact the office for an application form and for an informal chat. You can visit the Hampshire County Council website where you will find video, e-learning and written information to provide you with further details about the role.

What is the deadline?

Applications need to be completed and returned to the school by **12 noon on Tuesday 23rd February**. Please note that for the protection of children, all governor appointments are subject to full DBS and identity checks.

