

7th June 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We are currently seeking to fill Foundation Governor vacancies on the Governing Body of Hordle CE (VA) Primary School.

The inclusion of Foundation Governors on the governing body is one of the distinguishing characteristics of a Church school, and supports the school's distinctive religious ethos.

These vacancies must be filled by community members affiliated with a church of any denomination in the local area.

The role would suit someone with an interest in serving our community and supporting the needs of our school children.

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 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.

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.

Foundation 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 community members 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 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 Friday 28th June**. Please note that for the protection of children, all governor appointments are subject to full DBS and identity checks.

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Kind regards,

Louise Trim
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'That they may have life; life in all its fullness' John 10:10

