



Dore Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

As a result of a parent governor leaving the GB there is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Body of Dore Primary School and I am writing to invite interested parents and carers to apply for the post.

The whole Governing Body meets three times a year and each Governor also serves on a sub-committee which also meets three times a year. There are a number of other meetings including some for training and self-evaluation throughout the year.

The role of a Governor and the Governing body as a whole is to provide strategic direction and act as a critical friend to the school and Headteacher providing support and advice. In order to do this Governors need to understand how the school works and to see it in action, so there is a need to be able to be available during the school day on occasion. To facilitate this understanding of the school each Governor is also linked with a year group or a member of staff and builds up a relationship with them through meetings and class visits as appropriate.

We are looking for enthusiastic parents who are willing and able to take an active role as school governors. The role is not simply about attending meetings, but also participating in the life of the school, to understand its strengths and areas that require development, as well as undertaking the tasks involved in being a Governor. Training for the role is available and encouraged through Sheffield City Council Governor support and there is much useful information on the SCC website that those considering becoming a school governor will find useful.

Key areas identified where skills of any new governor could help, include the school's future considerations of partnership arrangements with other schools. Also more formal links with the local community and businesses, or wider business experience generally.

If you are interested and would like to talk about the role then please contact the Chair of Governors via the governor email governor@dore.sheffield.sch.uk giving a contact telephone number or by leaving your details and contact number with the School Office marked for my attention.

To make an application please write to me, either via school or using the above email address, giving your name, your child's name and year group. Please also give your reasons for applying for the post and what you think you can bring to the role; the information you send will be sent out to parents if there are more than one candidate, as there will then be an election process involving all parents and carers of children at the school.

The closing date for applications is 12.10.15. If there are more than one application a list of interested parents with their reasons for applying will be sent out and a written vote undertaken closing at the end of the school day on 06.11.15. The new Governor should then be able to attend the full GB meeting on November 18th 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Thomas
Chair of Governors,
Dore Primary School.

