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Co-opted Governor Vacancy

The governing body of Wildridings Primary School has a vacancy for a co-opted governor. We are keen to hear from self-motivated and determined people who are interested in becoming a governor, particularly those with HR skills and/or premises and health & safety skills.

We have 15 governor positions made up of 3 elected parent governors, 1 local authority governor, 1 elected staff governor, 1 Head Teacher governor and 9 co-opted governors. We also have 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.

We are all volunteers who wish to make a positive contribution to the school and the education of all its children.

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.

The full governing body currently meets monthly on a Thursday at 6:30pm. It also has a number of panels to carry out specific tasks: Pay Panel, Headteacher's Performance Management Panel and Hearings and Appeals Panels and delegates to individual governors to monitor particular areas like Safeguarding, SEND and Health & Safety. In addition to the work outlined above, the governors review issues relating to behaviour, curriculum, staffing, building maintenance and finances. The governing body makes collective decisions.

As a body, we elect a Chair and Vice Chair. A governor's term of office is 4 years.

Parent Governors are elected when a vacancy arises, by a ballot of eligible parents. Local authority governors are nominated by the local authority and appointed by the governing body. Staff governors are elected by the staff and both teaching and non-teaching staff are eligible to stand. Co-opted governors are appointed by the governing body to ensure the body has a range of skills and expertise amongst members.

All our governors are required to attend the excellent training provided by the local authority to ensure we maintain the skills necessary to fulfil our role. There is also a full induction programme for new governors. More information on being a school governor can be found on the Bracknell Forest Council website: <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schoolgovernors>

If you are interested in this position, please apply in writing with an outline of the skills you feel you could bring to the role. Applications should be addressed to Sarah Hey, Chair of Governors at the above address.

