

## BECOMING A GOVERNOR

Almost anyone over 18 years of age can become a governor. There are no particular qualifications or requirements, other than a willingness to give time to the role and a capacity for working with other people.

### **\* SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS OF CURRENT VACANCIES \***

The most important qualities for being a governor are enthusiasm, commitment and an interest in education. You don't need teaching experience, but it is useful to bring skills from other areas of your life. Knowledge of HR, health & safety, marketing, business and change management or accountancy, for example, can also be very useful for the governing body team.

There are different types of school with different categories of governor. These are the different categories of governor at Churchfields:

- parent
- staff
- foundation
- local authority
- co-opted

The type of governor you will become depends on your situation; however all governors have the same roles and responsibilities once part of the governing body.

If you are interested and think you have what it takes to be a school governor, talk to the current chair of governors about possible existing vacancies, and how you may be able to help.

## **CURRENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES [October 2016]**

School governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education. We are seeking three new people to join our governing body. This is an exciting time for our school and its pupils, as we look to 2017 and beyond and plan our future.

**No previous experience as a school governor is required.** We need a broad spectrum of experience and skill on the governing body; everybody has something valuable to offer. Lots of quality training is available. At Churchfields we use a 'buddy' system to help new governors feel supported and get up to speed comfortably and successfully, whilst getting to know other team members.

The governing body has a key role in the development and oversight of the school. Governors work with the head teacher to make decisions about balancing resources, the school's strategic direction and look at pupil progress and development. We meet four times a year also attend committee meetings e.g. regarding the curriculum, finance or marketing.

**If you are interested in making a positive contribution to the local young people's community – please do get in contact, we would love to hear from you.**

We would especially like to speak to you if you

- are good with numbers, such as an accountant or similar;
- have business or management skills;
- have a teaching or education background

Please speak to the Chair of Governors, Helen Forsyth ([Helen@findacreativepro.com](mailto:Helen@findacreativepro.com)), the Headteacher, Simon Fitcher ([admin@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk)) or ring the school to share your interest - 01225 703026