

## BECOMING A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

Almost anyone over 18 years of age can become a governor. The only requirements are a willingness to give time to the role and a capacity for working with other people. The team of governors, or governing body, operates as part of the Leadership and Management of the school. The head teacher has overall responsibility for the operational day-to-day running, the governing body carrying a more strategic role (see About the Governors).

**School governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education. We are currently seeking two new people to join our governing body team.**

The most important qualities for being a governor are enthusiasm, commitment and an interest in the best education for the pupils at the school. You don't need teaching experience, though an interest in or knowledge of education would be very useful. Asking questions, being inquisitive, and finding out how different children are happy at school and making expected progress is all part of the governor's role.

Experience from other areas in your life such as skills in marketing, business and change management, HR, law or health & safety, for example, can also be very useful for the governing body, as can journalism, IT or media.

Governors have a minimum of 6 meetings per year to attend overall, but a governor's work will carry on throughout the year. Occasional visits to the school are required, to speak to teachers and also to see teaching and learning taking place in the classroom, at least twice a year.

If you are interested and think you would enjoy the opportunity to be part of the governing team at our local village school, talk to the current chair of governors or head teacher (details below).

## CURRENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES (March 2018)

We are seeking two new people to join our governing team, at an exciting time for our school and its pupils after recent successful inspections.

School governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education, and we would love to talk to you in particular, if you, for example:

- **are community spirited and would like to represent the local community**
- **are interested in children's education and the performance of the school**
- **have an education background**
- **can commit some time and bring energy to the role**
- **are able to work well as part of a team**
- **have an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school**
- **can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements**

Please don't hesitate to contact the Chair of Governors, Helen Forsyth, to find out more:  
helen@findacreativepro.com or the Head teacher, Mr Simon Futchter:  
[admin@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you. Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role.

