



CHENEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Are you passionate, motivated and keen to learn new skills? If so, then Cheney Governors would love to hear from you.

Currently we have one vacancy for the role of parent governor on our local governing board and I am writing now to invite nominations.

To be eligible, a parent governor must be a parent or carer of a registered pupil of the school or alternatively, a person who is the parent of a child of compulsory school age.

We want to recruit parents and carers from all “walks of life” who represent every group within our school community. Parent governors are elected by other parents and no formal qualifications are required to take on the role. All you need is enthusiasm, a commitment to working as part of a team and a desire to make a difference to the life of every child at Cheney. Few governors join with any previous experience so please don't let that put you off.

The role of the governing board

The main tasks of the governing board are to ensure the school has a clear ethos and strategic direction, while holding the Senior Leadership Team of the school to account for the educational performance, safeguarding and pastoral care of all pupils. All governors at Cheney are passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you will play a vital role in ensuring that the board is connected with the views of parents and the local community.

To be a parent governor you should have:

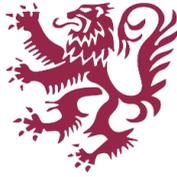
- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity and a willingness to learn and develop new skills

Expectations for Governors

The term of office of a parent governor will be 4 years, subject to being eligible to be a local governor. The time commitment is approximately 8 hours each half-term, which will include a 2 hour local governing board meeting, 1-2 hours of reading the paperwork in advance (which

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is provided to you two weeks prior to the meeting) and 2-3 hours visiting the school and meeting your staff links.

Every person wishing to become a local governor will be required to make disclosures for the purpose of a criminal records check by the Disclosure and Barring Service. It is also the expectation that governors will visit the school during school hours (with prior arrangement with the Senior Leadership Team) and for any evening events to get to know the school and to be visible to the school community.

Maintaining confidentiality and commitment to training is also essential.

How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form accessed via the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNUzhz0jHr18kO1R4xKLA1ybiwSf7mJoZf7_DRJyQE8oAUw/viewform?usp=sf_link

The deadline for expressing an interest in becoming a parent governor is Monday 12th October 2020 at 4pm.

If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. Details about the arrangements for any required ballot will be sent out closer to the time.

In the event that the number of nominees equals or is less than the number of vacancies, the Local Governing Body can choose to appoint all, or any, of those nominated.

The name of the successful candidate will be made available as soon as the appointment is finalised.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, but would like some further information before submitting an application please feel free to contact me at

richard.stamper@cheney.oxon.sch.uk I would be more than happy to answer any questions about the role of parent governor.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Stamper
Chair of Governors

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