

Old Park Primary is a school where everyone matters, and we strive to make all learning memorable and meaningful. Our children are taught the key skills, knowledge and values which will help to ensure they can be successful in whatever their futures hold.

Our children's happiness and safety are of utmost importance to us, and we understand that every child has unique and individual needs which must be met for them to flourish.

We are a true learning community, school and home together. We provide our children with a broad and rich curriculum, grounded in high expectations and equality for all. We aim to inspire our children to achieve great things, whilst providing the support and challenge they need to do so. We believe that education must prepare children for the future; equipping them with the skills that will improve their life chances.

Old Park Primary is looking for two Partnership Governors.

This is a fixed term appointment for four years from the date of appointment

Hours: This will vary with the cycle of our school year but it is anticipated to equate to approximately 1 day per half term, including both school time and evening engagements (subject to agreement in advance). The hours will likely be split into several activities across the period.

This is a voluntary and unpaid appointment

5 reasons you should volunteer as a school governor:

1. You'll see the impact of your decisions first hand
2. You'll improve education for local children
3. You'll work with people from different professional backgrounds
4. You'll feel connected to your community
5. You'll make a difference when schools need it most

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. You will also be joining the largest volunteer force in the country: there are over a quarter of a million volunteers governing state funded schools in England.

Schools need governing boards that have a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience to enable it to be effective. We are looking for someone who has an **Educational background/experience and another who has Finance/ Health & Safety knowledge/experience.**

Ofsted (the national inspection body for schools) has repeatedly noted that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management - including by the governing board.

The Governing Board has three key roles:

1. To set the strategic direction of the school
2. To hold the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of pupils
3. To oversee the financial effectiveness of the school, making sure the money is well spent

Anyone aged over 18 can be a governor and you do not need to be a parent. There is no requirement for you to have an understanding of the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. There is plenty of training available to help you learn about professional knowledge. Schools need and benefit from a range of professional knowledge on their governing board including education, finance, human resources, legal, marketing and public relations, property and estates management, and organisational change.

As a Governor, you will be able to:

- Use your own experience of education and life beyond school to inform conversations
- Develop and utilise your skills in a board-level environment
- Make a valuable contribution to education and your community
- Support and challenge the school so that it improves for pupils and staff
- Bring your unique experiences, perspectives and insights in to decision-making in the interests of the school community

For more information, or to apply to be a Governor, please contact Claire Richards, Clerk to the Governors at claire.richards@sips.co.uk

Your Name

Your Address

Your Email Address

Your Occupation

Have you been a Governor before? If so, where?

What would make you an effective Governor? Have you the required experience and if so please explain?

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children; therefore the post is subject to medical clearance and an enhanced DBS check.

Closing date: 8th September 2023