

Monday 15th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Scargill C of E Primary School is currently looking for a Parent governor to join the school's governing body.

The role of the governing body

We are part of DDAT and the school's governors with DDAT are responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. We are passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. Training is available for all governors and there is an expectation that those new to being a governor, attend free induction training.

A diverse governing board will help children from all backgrounds to succeed and thrive – it allows us to create a culture of inclusion, challenge barriers, biases and stereotypes, and provide a wide range of role models for our pupils. We encourage all parents and carers, regardless of age, experience and background, to apply for the role.

Dedicating your time

We hold six full governing body meetings a year, which are held at the school. There is some preparation (reading of papers) to do in advance of the meetings. There are opportunities to take part in pre-planned visits during the school day, so you have first-hand experience of the school in operation. The term of office is 4 years however, governors may resign at any time during this term.

Governors will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service Check and will be required to complete a Disqualification by Association and Pecuniary Information form. Please note that there are certain restrictions which prevent a person becoming a Governor, for example:

- People who are bankrupt may not serve as Governors, nor may people who have in the previous five years been sentenced to three months or more in prison without the option of a fine, people who have been sentenced to a period of more than two and a half years of imprisonment may not stand within twenty years of that conviction and anyone who has been sentenced to a period of imprisonment of five years or more is totally disqualified.
- People who are disqualified from working with children may not hold office as a Governor.
- Parents/carers who have paid employment in the school are not eligible to stand in these elections.

- Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

What's next?

If you decide that this is something you would like to pursue, please email a personal statement (which should be no more than 250 words) to our Clerk to Governors, Karen Phillips kphillips@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk alternatively, you can provide this information the school office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask our Clerk.

The deadline for nominations is 12 noon on Wednesday 31st January 2023

Please note the following:-

If there are more nominations than vacancies, there will need to be an election which will be by secret ballot. Please note that the personal statements sent with nominations will be sent to all parents, together with details of the ballot procedure.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Kind Regards,

Scargill C of E Primary School Governors

