

Can Your Skills Help Support Heronshaw?

Becoming A Parent Governor At Heronshaw School



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We are currently looking for parent governors to join our governing board. If you have a child at Heronshaw and interested in being part of a friendly, inclusive and dedicated team, then we would love for you to join us. We are looking for people who can offer different perspectives. As a team you will ensure every single one of our pupils receives the very best education and support possible.

Who are school governors?

School governors play an important role in helping to run local schools. It's an extremely rewarding role and governors are the largest volunteer group in the country. Our governors are a mix of people from the local area.

What *don't* we do?

We do not get involved in the day-to-day running of the school, that's the job of the headteacher and his team. We don't inspect the school or its staff, we don't decide what the pupils are taught and we don't make any judgements on the quality of teaching.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for governors who are committed to Heronshaw School and its future, with a keen and active interest in education and school improvement.

We ask our governors to commit to:

- Attendance at 6 meetings a year
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Training x6 evenings a year.
- Visiting the school x3 a year during the school day.

All newly appointed governors are also required to complete an enhanced DBS check.

What do parent governors do?

There are several different types of governor, and elected parent governors form an integral part of a governing body. You are not a parent representative and do not report back to parents. If parents have any comments about the way the school is run, they should always get in touch with the headteacher and his team first.

What is the time commitment?

We hold two meetings a term (6 a year) – usually in the evening. You would attend these and read all papers in advance. There is also a commitment to make at least 3 in school visits a year during the school day and to attend training sessions with the Trust.

Training and mentorship

Plenty of training is on offer for new governors, from the IFTL Trust.

When you're appointed, you'll be given a visit timetable, a mentor (like the buddy system!) and an experienced governor will be on hand to answer any questions you have.

To find out more, call 01908 608380 or email office@heronshawschool.co.uk

We really look forward to welcoming Heronshaw parents on to our governing body.

If you've got any questions, please get in touch with the school office or the chair of governors or complete the application form

<https://www.iftl.co.uk/about/governance/governor-application-pack/>