



Windsor Park CE Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers

The notice period for parent governor elections has now passed. Mr Duncan Goodfellow has been elected unopposed.

We also have vacancies for two foundation governors. All school governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools, but foundation governors will also take a particular interest in the school's Christian distinctiveness and ethos.

If you would be interested to learn more about this role, please contact me or our clerk, Mrs Jean Collins, on jcollins@windsorpark.staffs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Johnstone', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mr Ian Johnstone
Chair of Governors

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE GOVERNORS:

What is the composition of the Local Governing Body?

There are 15 governors: one staff, the head teacher, three parents, three foundation (two vacancies) and seven co-opted.

What do governors actually do?

Governors are responsible for the strategic direction of the school: they make long term decisions about the progress and development of the school. Governors help to appoint senior staff; they make recommendations about the school's budget; they decide on policies for the school and monitor pupil achievement and attendance. Governors ensure the school provide the highest standard of education for every child.

How much time will it take up?

Meetings of the Local Governing Body are held four times a year from 5:30pm and last for approximately 2½ hours. In addition you may be required to attend committee meetings and training by prior arrangement. You will need to spend some time reading the agenda, minutes and other papers to prepare for a meeting.

Can I get help to understand what happens at meetings?

Yes. The chair will meet new governors before their first meeting to introduce themselves, the school and the process of meetings. You will also have a new governor 'mentor'.

Can I talk to parents or other people about what goes on in meetings?

Governors are asked to sign a Code of Conduct when they join. You can talk about matters in a very general way, but you must not identify any individual members of staff or any child. The governing body acts as a 'corporate body' and you must not talk about any differences of opinion during a meeting. Part of the agenda is designated strictly confidential and you must not talk about anything discussed in that section.

Do I get paid for being a governor?

No. All school governors are unpaid volunteers.

What are the benefits of becoming a governor?

You will learn how the school manages its budget, personnel, buildings and resources; and how school policies are developed.