

Roseberry Primary & Nursery School

Co-opted governor vacancy

We are looking for a new co-opted governor to join the governing body to support the strategic direction of the school. This is an important and exciting opportunity and we welcome someone who can contribute fresh and stimulating ideas. Please consider the information below to ensure you can commit to the role. In line with legislation regarding children's safety, the successful candidate would need to be checked by the Disclosure & Barring Service. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 0191 3700182. We would love to have you on our team!

Being a school governor

Time commitment

- The term of office for the co-opted governor is four years
- There are termly full governing board meetings (3 per year), which all governors are expected to attend. The times and dates vary and are set a year in advance.
- There are also committee meetings each term but not all governors are members of a committee.

Training

- You would be expected to complete the governor induction programme provided by the local authority, and the safeguarding course.
- There are also other training courses you can attend as required and there are online learning modules you can undertake in your own time.
- The local authority also provides advice and guidance by phone and email.

The Board of Governors

- Each governing body is made up of members of different stakeholder groups (parents, staff, community, and local authority).
- Governors contribute to the work of the school in raising standards of achievements for all pupils. This involves providing a strategic view for the school, acting as a critical friend and ensuring accountability.

Governor responsibilities

- Developing the strategic plan for the school
- Determining aims, policies and priorities for the school
- Setting statutory and non-statutory targets
- Monitoring and evaluating the work of the school
- Appointing staff and ensuring the implementation of personnel procedures
- Managing the school budget
- Securing high levels of attendance and good standards of pupil behaviour

- Ensuring that all children in the school have access to a broad and balanced curriculum which is suitable to age, aptitude and ability, preparing them for adult life
- Ensuring the health and safety of pupils

Tasks include:

- Getting to know the school: its needs, strengths and areas for development
- Attending meetings (full governing body, committees and working groups)
- Working as a member of a team
- Speaking, acting and voting in the best interests of the school
- Representing the perspectives of stakeholder groups, as appropriate
- Respecting all governing body decisions and supporting them in public
- Acting within the framework of the policies of the governing body and legal requirements
- Attending training and developing opportunities appropriate to role