**COULD YOU BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR?**

A Parent Governor has:

* An interest in **all** the children’s future
* A desire to make a difference
* A willingness to accept responsibility
* An ability to work in a team and is happy to ask questions, listen and learn
* The skills to contribute to effective governance and success of the schoolor at least the capacity and willingness to develop them

**and will:**

* Act with integrity, objectivity and honesty in the best interests of the school
* Fulfil a largely strategic role in the running of the school
* Visit and get to know the school and the people in it in accordance with the agreed visits protocol
* Work in partnership with the Headteacher to raise standards
* Actively contribute to the work of the Governing
* Abide by the adopted Code of Practice.

**Once elected, a parent Governor must operate in the best interest of all pupils and not as representatives to lobby on behalf of their constituency.**

**Parent Governors**:

* Help to decide the priorities for improving the school
* Focus on their three core strategic functions
* Work co-operatively with other Governors in the best interest of the school
* Attend the meetings of the Governing Board and its Committees
* Promote the interest of the school in the wider community
* Have an equal right to participate and to state their views whilst respecting the views of others
* Are loyal to the decisions made by the Governing Board
* Respect the confidentiality of those items of business that have been designated as confidential and do not disclose what individuals have said or how they have voted
* Withdraw from a decision from which he or she or a partner or close relative stands to gain or where he or she is too involved to be objective
* Have regard to the broader responsibilities as a Governor of a public institution in regard to promoting a public accountability for the actions and performance of the Governing Board
* Participate in training.