

Dear Parents

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS: NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

We'll shortly have some vacancies for elected Parent Governors. So, if you're a parent or have parental responsibility, and would be interested in joining the governing body of Hardenhuish School, in what is a hugely rewarding voluntary role, please read on to find out more...

Parent governors are elected by parents and are vital to our governing body. They tend to serve for four years – even if their child or children leave the school during that time.

If your application is successful, you'll play your part in strategy and policy-making – we do not get involved in the day-to-day running of the school. You'll share the responsibility for carrying out the governing body's wide range of responsibilities with other governors. And don't worry, you don't have to be an expert on education to be a school governor. The role is that of a typical parent bringing a parent's perspective to the running of the governing body and the school, while putting the interests of all the young people in the school above those of your own children.

Governors have three core functions:

- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent
- holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

To work effectively, you'll need to set aside time to prepare for meetings, for visiting the school and for undertaking training. There are meetings once each term for the whole governing body and for the various committees – you'd be expected to sit on at least one committee. Our committees cover a range of areas ranging from staffing to curriculum, finance, school uniform, and special needs. In addition to attending meetings, you may also be asked to get involved in other tasks such as recruitment and developing links with year groups and curriculum areas.

So, if you'd like to put your name forward for one of our parent governor roles and/or to find out more please get in touch with the ClerktoGovernors@hardenhuish.wilts.sch.uk by Monday 8 December. Applications will then need to be submitted by no later than Friday 19 December. Candidate statements will then be circulated to all parents for voting in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Wilson
Chair of Governors, Hardenhuish School