

## WANTED – SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Wickhambrook Primary Academy has launched an appeal for new school governors following recent retirements.

Our School's Governing Body is made up of Community, Parent, Partnership, Staff and Academy Trust Governors. Our Governors may come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and are the link between the School and the community it serves.

We are currently looking for new Community and Partnership Governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- an interest in the performance of the school.
- a desire to contribute to and represent the community.
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate.
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
- time to invest

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a Governor at Wickhambrook Primary Academy. Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible.

What is the Governing Body's Role?

The Governing Body of our school plays a key role in:

- Setting targets for raising standards of educational achievement.
- Monitoring progress towards these targets.
- Finding the right balance between supporting and challenging the performance of the head teacher and therefore the performance of his/her staff and the school as a whole.
- Deciding policy and future development plans
- Upholding good governance and working towards the success of the School

The Governing Body works together as a team:

- Sometimes the whole governing body is involved - there are a minimum of six meetings of the Full Governing Body each year.
- Sometimes Governors work in smaller working groups or monitoring pairs, looking at specific areas of the school's work in more detail.
- Some Governors have specific responsibilities – for example; Special Educational Needs, Health & Safety and Learning outside the classroom.

Becoming a Governor also offers benefits including:

- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our School
- Training to develop an understanding of specific School management issues
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School
- The pleasure of helping students reach their potential
- In addition to a full and detailed induction programme, all Governors have the opportunity to undertake further training to build on existing skills or to help develop new ones

Mr Jason Green, who took over as Chair of Governors last year after joining the board over 6 years before, says: "Being a governor can be challenging, enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding. Please don't be put off by thinking that you have to have specialist expertise or knowledge. Enthusiasm and interest is much more important to start with and there is tried and tested training and support available to help you throughout the four-year term of office.

"And remember, you will be joining a long-established governing body and will be supported by fellow governors with many years of combined experience."

If you are interested in applying for this exciting opportunity, please contact Mr Jason Green c/o Wickambrook Primary Academy, Cutbush, Newmarket, CB8 8XN.  
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