



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 1 March 2023

Parent Governor Recruitment

Dear Parents and Carers,

No matter what your age, gender, beliefs, experience or job role, you can apply to become part of our governor team at Mason Moor Primary School.

If you are passionate about education and your community, have the capacity to assist our senior leadership team and are eager to learn more, then we would love to hear from you.

We are currently seeking a new parent governor to join our governing body. Parent governors are elected by and from other parents of children currently attending Mason Moor. The governing body has a wide range of responsibilities which are shared equally between all members.

Governors serve a four-year term of office and give a very important and valued perspective to the leadership of the school. Governors do not run the school day to day, the role is strategic.

The governing body has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education. Our school motto is simply to **'be the best version of yourself'**. It pervades everything we ask of the children and all decisions adults at the school make, including governors. We ask our school community to reflect on whether they've been the best version of themselves - remembering that every day marks a new opportunity to improve.

There are five full governing body meetings per academic year, as well as additional committee meetings, each requiring time for reading and preparation in advance. There will be other responsibilities assigned to you throughout your time as a governor, best suited to your skills and experience. It is expected that governors will make use of the various training opportunities available to them and play a full part in the work of the governing board. Meetings take place in the morning between 8 and 10am.

Our current governors come from a range of different backgrounds, with varying skills and experience but all share a common interest, the best possible education for the children in our school. Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role. If there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will be held and parents will all be sent a link to make a vote for their preferred candidate.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the role before applying please email me at info@masonmoorprimary.co.uk

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Completed applications need to be returned to either info@masonmoorprimary.co.uk or the school office by **Monday 20 March 2023**. Paper applications are available from the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Ms J Halsey
Chair of Governors Mason Moor Primary School





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Further information – The Role of the Governor

We would be delighted to see applications from anyone who:

- Is interested in education, the curriculum and the outcomes for pupils of Mason Moor
- Is community spirited
- Has the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school and hold school leaders to account
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements
- Has some financial knowledge or experience of budget planning and analysis
- An awareness of school safeguarding procedures or a willingness to learn the latest safeguarding guidance, both local and national
- Is able to visit the school during the school day to focus on agreed areas of responsibility (min 3 visits per academic year - one per term)

Please do not be put off if you do not have these skills, what is important is enthusiasm, capacity to engage and the willingness to learn. Many employers support the work of school governors.

Further information regarding on the role of maintained school governors can be viewed via the link below:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Knowledge-Centre/Governance-structure-roles-and-responsibilities/Roles-and-responsibilities/Role-descriptions/Role-descriptions.aspx>

Governors work together to carry out these core functions:

- ensuring there is clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils and the performance management of staff
- overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent
- ensuring the voices of stakeholders are heard

What does the role offer?

- A chance to develop your own personal skills
- Access to a programme of free training in respect of the governor role
- A sense of achievement in helping make a difference to pupil outcomes and future life chances
- Working with a team of like-minded individuals, supporting fellow governors, guided by those with many years combined experience