

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

As a parent or carer with a child at the school you know Trythall is a unique and special place. How would you like to play a key role in shaping the future of our school and ensuring that every child, regardless of background or ability, reaches their potential through a genuinely creative and exciting curriculum?

The Governing Body of Trythall School currently has a vacancy for a Parent Governor and is inviting nominations. Would you – or someone you know – be interested in standing for election for this challenging but rewarding role?

To be eligible you must be a parent, carer, or have parental responsibility for a **current** pupil at Trythall School (including nursery and Early Years). You can nominate yourself or someone else (with their consent!) by completing a nomination form.

Governors are appointed for a 4-year term. As a Parent Governor, if your child leaves the school within this period, you would be able to continue as a Governor until the end of the 4-year term.

If more nominations are received than the number of vacancies, an election will be held in which all parents/carers of children at the school (including nursery and Early Years) are eligible to vote.

WHAT DO SCHOOL GOVERNORS DO?

The Governing Body is responsible for setting the strategic direction and priorities of the school, not its day to day running. As a member of the Governing Body you would be involved in developing the vision and strategy for the school; overseeing its financial performance and making sure its money is well spent; holding school leaders to account to ensure that every child has the best possible education; offer a parental perspective on issues being discussed; and engaging with pupils, staff, parents and the school community to understand their views.

As a parent Governor your role is to be a representative parent on the Governing Body rather a parent representative.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Firstly, Governors are **NOT** expected to be experts in the field of education. You are a parent/carers of a child in the school, and that's the only qualification you need. There are no specific qualifications or requirements for the role - every Governing Body needs a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience. The most important requirements are an interest in the school community, the welfare of its staff and pupils, and of course the education it provides, formal and informal, in the classroom or outside, for children of all abilities and all backgrounds, throughout the school, and across the curriculum.

What you **WILL** need is the time, willingness, and commitment to get involved and be part of a team. We are a small Governing Body (we are a small school!) and all Governors need to be prepared to

take on their fair share of its responsibilities. But you won't be thrown in at the deep end. Induction training and mentoring support is provided for all newly appointed Governors, and you will have on-going training opportunities to develop your knowledge and skills as a Governor. Everyone has something to offer in terms of skills and experience, and this is a great opportunity to gain and develop valuable knowledge, expertise and experience, whilst contributing to the progress of the school.

You **WILL BE** the sort of person who can build relationships with people, work as part of a team, and has the confidence to challenge constructively by asking questions and participating in discussion and decision-making. You must be prepared to offer the time and commitment to take on what can be a demanding but always interesting and rewarding workload, reading reports and attending a minimum of one meeting of the Full Governing Body a term (held on Wednesday of the last but one week of term) starting at 3pm and usually ending by 6pm. Meetings are usually in person, but provision can usually be made for Governors to attend remotely if necessary.

Does this sound like you? Or like someone you know?

If you are interested in learning more about being a parent governor, email the Chair, Andrew Stott, at astott@trythall.cornwall.sch.uk or Geoff Swallow, Clerk to the Governors, at gswallow@trythall.cornwall.sch.uk

Nomination forms and further information can be downloaded from the Trythall School website, and will be available in paper format from Georgia Potter at school reception from today, Wednesday 18th March

Nominations will close at the end of school on Wednesday 1st April