

North Stainley C of E Primary School

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WANTED – NEW GOVERNORS



What are we looking for?

Our school Governing Body is made up of Community, Parent, Partnership, Staff, Foundation and Local Authority 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 Parent 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 spare
- a child or children currently attending North Stainley CE Primary School (essential for elected Parent Governors, although Co-Opted Governors may also have children at the School)

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a Governor at North Stainley C of E Primary.

Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible.

What can we offer?

- 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

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 meeting these targets.
- finding the right balance between supporting and challenging the performance of the headteacher and therefore the performance of her staff and the school as a whole.
- deciding policy and future development plans

- upholding good governance and working towards the success of the North Stainley C E Primary School

The North Stainley C E Primary School 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, Learning outside the classroom
- In addition to an induction programme, all Governors have the opportunity to undertake further training to build on existing skills or to help develop new ones

Being a governor can be 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 years 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, please contact Mrs E Watts for an application form, or to find out more about the role and the appointment process.

Email admin@northstainley.n-yorks.sch.uk, phone 01765 635276.

“Your support for your child’s education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.”

