

The Governor Role:

School governors are one of the country's largest voluntary groups with around 300,000 contributing to strategic development and raising standards of achievement at more than 30,000 schools.

School governors are members of their school's governing body, which is known as a 'corporate body'. A corporate body has a legal identity that is separate from its members and as a result, individual governors are generally protected from personal liability as a result of the governing body's decisions and actions provided they act honestly, reasonably and in good faith.

School governors are drawn from different parts of the community and can be parents and staff or from the LA, the community and other groups. This helps ensure the governing body has sufficient diversity of views and experience but does not mean governors of a particular category represent that group on the governing body. For example, parent governors do not represent the parents at the school and do not report back to them.

Responsibilities:

The governing body has a range of duties and powers and a general responsibility for the conduct of the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement. The 'board of governors' should operate at a strategic level, leaving the head teacher and senior school leaders responsible and accountable to it for the operational day-to-day running of the school.

The board focus strongly on three core functions:

- 1. setting the vision and strategic direction of school;**
- 2. holding the Head Teacher to account for its educational performance; and**
- 3. ensuring financial resources are well spent.**

Members:

Paulton Infant School board of governors currently has 12 members, with 4 vacancies.

Governing Body Structure and Meetings:

At Paulton Infants School the governing body has elected to delegate certain of its responsibilities to committees. The sub committees are formed of members of the full governing body. We currently operate the following sub-committees:

- **Premises and Safety**
- **Curriculum & Staffing**
- **Finance & Personnel**
- **Performance Management**

These committees meet up independently of the full governing body. The members of each Committee are elected at the first Full Governing Body meeting in September. All governors are expected to sit on at least one sub-committee.

The full Governing Body meets three times a year. Each Committee usually meets once a full term (minimum 3 times per year) or more frequently if required, at a mutually agreed time at school, more often than not, in the early evening.

More information about the role of a Governor can be found on the National Governors Association website, specifically at <http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx>

If you are interested in becoming a governor at Paulton Infants School, please complete the following nomination form and return to school.

Thank you

Paulton Infant School

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION 2016

Nomination Form

Personal Details (please print) :

Title : _____ Full Name : _____

Address: _____

Are you paid to work at the school? : YES / NO (please circle as appropriate)

If Yes how many hours per week? : _____

Name(s) of child(ren) at school:

_____ Class : _____

_____ Class : _____

Proposed by : _____

Child(ren) : _____ Class : _____

_____ Class : _____

Seconded by : _____

Child(ren) : _____ Class : _____

_____ Class : _____

Please note that should an election be necessary, the next two sections on the reverse of this form, will make up the election statement.

Please turn over and complete the next two sections.

Why you would like to be a Parent Governor (maximum of fifty words) :

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Please give details of any experience (including voluntary or community work), skills, abilities and interests you have which you feel would help you in the role of a school Governor :

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Please return to : Garry Yoxall
Paulton Infant School,
Plumtre Close,
Paulton,
Bristol,
BS39 7QY.

Please return no later than : Wednesday 20th July 2016 (last day of term)

(The seconder should not be the nominee's partner or spouse)