



Bishopswood School

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PARENT GOVERNOR FACTSHEET

The governing body consists of parent governors, staff governors, community governors and local authority appointed governors. Our school has four parent governors. Parent governors have all the same powers and duties as other governors.

The main governing body meets at least three times a year. If possible every governor joins at least one of our committees. These are responsible for different aspects of the school such as Finance and Staffing; Premises and Health and Safety; and Curriculum, Assessment and Training. Committees meet three or four times a year. We also invite governors to come into school occasionally on school days if they can manage it, although we know this can be difficult if you are working or have young children.

To be eligible to stand for election as a parent governor you have to have parental responsibility for a pupil at the school. Having “parental responsibility” is not limited to biological parents, but will cover you if you are a step-parent, foster parent, grandparent bringing up the child, or permanent partner of the child’s biological parent. A few people cannot be school governors; those who have been made bankrupt or who have been in prison for certain offences may not serve for at least three years afterwards. School staff are ineligible to stand as parent governors if they are employed for more than 500 hours per year. If you have any doubts as to your eligibility on any of these grounds, please contact the school office.

The child must be on the school roll at the time the election is held. However, parent governors do not have to resign if their children leave the school before their term of office has expired.

You don’t need any educational experience or expertise, just an interest in Bishopswood School. There is a free training course provided by Governor Services for newly appointed governors, which you are strongly recommended to attend.



Headteacher: Janet Kellett BA CSS NPQH



For our integrated nursery provision