



# Become a School Governor at our School

## The Governing Board of Alveston CofE Primary School are looking to appoint a parent governor

### Parent Governor Information Sheet

#### BACKGROUND

School governors represent the largest volunteer force in the country with approximately 1% of the adult population serving in this capacity at any one time. The governing board of Alveston CofE Primary School has number governor positions of which two are for parent governors. Parent governors are elected by their fellow parents and are vital to a governing board because they ensure that the other governors are kept in touch with the concerns and issues of most importance to our parents.

#### CHARACTERISTICS AND ROLE OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Governors are people who wish to make a positive contribution to our school and the education of our children. They will contribute to the effective day-to-day running of the school and have a valuable input toward the educational achievements of its pupils.

A governing board's overriding responsibility is to work in partnership with the head teacher to promote continuous improvement in the performance of the school. This involves the establishment of a development plan, the setting of challenging but achievable targets and the interpretation of information to assess progress and determine appropriate action. Typically, a governor's duties will average at

around 3 hours of spare time each month. Aligned to its improvement role, the governing board is there to be a 'critical friend' who can provide the right balance between supporting and challenging the performance of both the head teacher and the school.

#### TRAINING AND SUPPORT

Our school subscribes to Warwickshire Governor Services and governors can access resources and attend training and development activities to support them in their role. In addition to this, a regular newsletter is sent to all school governors to keep them informed of developments in education policy and current best practices.

#### BECOMING A PARENT GOVERNOR

Being a parent governor can be stimulating, enjoyable and rewarding. If you have the enthusiasm and desire to join our governing board then please get in touch with us.

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