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Chair of
Governors

JLT's
Q & A

What do you like about our school?

It is well run with good high quality staff, is very friendly and has a great library.

What is a school governor?

A school governor is a member of a group of people known as the governing body. Their role is to be a critical friend to the school and in particular the head teacher. Helping out with suggestions and advice when needed but also making sure that the school is working to hard to bring out the best in each pupil and is well managed.

Who can be a school governor?

Anyone over 18 can be a school governor but you must be willing to commit to spending a fair amount of time to the role if you are to perform it well. You have to attend meetings, undertake learning, read lots of papers and policies and are expected to visit the school to see it in action.

What does a governor do?

There are at least 4 meetings per term, one or more Full Governing Body Meetings which all governors should attend if they can and one each of the sub committees: Finance and Resources, Curriculum and Achievement and Engagement and Communication. Governors may attend all of the sub committees but are particularly asked to attend those where their skills and experience would be most useful. If it should become necessary it is

How does an adult become a school governor?

Each board of governors has a limited number of members, ours is 14 including the head teacher and two other staff members. Most governors only serve for four years so vacancies occur on a regular basis. Succession planning is important and the board are always on the lookout for potential new governors. If you are interested in the role you should contact an existing governor who will be very pleased to hear from you. If you feel that being a governor may interfere with your work you should speak to your employer as many recognise the importance of the role and consider it a valuable experience for staff to undertake.

How would you keep our school's safe and friendly environment?

The governors are continually monitoring such things as bullying, absences, complaints from parents and the concerns of staff.

When you were our age, what was your favourite toy?

My chess set. I still play.

Thank you for answering our questions today!

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