

Could you be a parent governor at Rushmere Hall?

We are looking for three parents to join the governors at Rushmere Hall, to help our 'good' school become even better. We do want as many people as possible to consider being a governor.

This leaflet will hopefully answer some of your questions about being a governor. But if you want to discuss things in more detail, please leave your name and phone number at the school office, and one of our governors will give you a call for a chat.

How can I become a parent governor?

A parent governor must have a child at the school at the time he or she is elected. If you would like to put your name forward to be a parent governor, then you will need to complete the nomination form.

- You will need to be nominated by four other parents who have children at the school. Please note if you are nominating someone, then you may only support two candidates.
- There is space on the nomination form for you to write a statement of no more than 100 words about yourself, to explain to other parents more about you, your views, and your experience which would help you to be a governor. This statement will be included on the voting paper if there is an election.

What do school governors do?

"The role of a school governor is to contribute to the work of the governing body in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent." (National Governors Association)

You will be expected to attend meetings, take part in working groups, and visit the school as a governor representative.

How long would I be a parent governor for?

The term of office is for four years even if your child leaves the school during this period. If you are elected as a parent governor now you will hold office until November 2022. This seems a long time away, but we can assure you, the four years do go quickly!

I have a full time job – will I still be able to be a governor?

Of course! Many of our current governors have full time jobs. Most of our meetings are in the evenings and day time meetings can be flexible. Also, many governors find that they can get some time off from work to come in during the day as part of their employer's public service or volunteering scheme.

I have childcare responsibilities after school – is there any help available?

Please don't let a lack of childcare put you off being a governor. Please talk to Mr Stock at the school - we may be able to help by making a room available so that children have somewhere to wait whilst a meeting takes place.



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What skills and experience do I need?

You don't need any particular skills or experience, but you do need to be a good listener, be willing to ask questions, and be prepared to be a supportive but 'critical friend' to the Head and Senior Management Team.

What we're looking for are people who are happy to get involved in different areas of the governing body and of school life.

What will I have to do?

We have a governors meeting every half term where we all meet; these meetings usually start between 5-6pm and last for around two hours.

The meeting in the first half of every term looks at learning and standards and gives all governors a chance to find out about the latest school data and to discuss some of the big issues facing the school. The second meeting of the term is where we ensure that all our statutory decisions are made, especially on finance.

You will also be a member of a working party, looking in detail at one area of the School Development Plan, and helping to make sure that targets are being met.

We also encourage our governors to visit the school during the day at least once a term.

The 7 Cs!

Governors should be committed, confident, curious, challenging, collaborative, critical and creative

If this sounds like you, then why not join us as a governor?