

# Somervale School needs Parent Governors now and in the future

The school Governing Body is an important part of how the school functions and an important part of that is the participation of the parents of children at the school. There are current vacancies for Parent Governors, please consider joining in and help make the school more successful for your child.

## SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*Don't you need qualifications to be a school governor?*

**No! Just an interest in your child's education, enthusiasm and commitment.**

*I don't know anything about running a school*

**You don't need to know anything. You'll get lots of support from other governors and there's training available for new governors.**

*How will it help my child?*

**You'll have a say in the running of your child's school – and be listened to by the Head Teacher and other governors. It will also help you understand how schools are run and why things are done in certain ways.**

*How much time would I need to give?*

**Meetings are held 6-8 times a year, usually in the evenings. They normally last about 2 hours. You would need to spend some time outside of that time reading papers. There may be some visits to the school. Additionally there are committees you may like to get involved with, covering the finances or personnel issues along with curriculum issues.**

*What will I get out of it?*

You will get a lot of support as a new governor. It will let you develop new skills which may help you in your own work. For example, you will understand how a school budget is managed and how to manage the school buildings. It will help you develop your own confidence and may open new avenues to you.

*Do I get paid?*

No, we need volunteers. School Governors are the largest group of volunteers in the country.

*Can I talk to someone about being a governor?*

Yes, you can contact a current governor who will be happy to talk about their experiences. Please contact the Clerk to the Governors at the school and she will arrange for you to be contacted.

*OK - how do I find out more?*

Please contact the Clerk to the Governors for a nomination form. There are elections for Parent Governors as vacancies become available and your name may be held on a waiting list. Please keep an eye out for information sent out by the Head Teacher too. You may well receive this note because there is a vacancy available.

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