

Driffield Junior School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Would you like to be a school governor?

It is important that parents/carers have a voice on the Governing Body. Do you have the time, interest and skills? Would you consider applying?

Two vacancies have arisen for people who have parental responsibility for children at this school to join our governing body. If you are interested in becoming a governor then you will need to be nominated and seconded, by two others with parental responsibility, by completing the attached form.

As a strategic rather than operational body, the governing body is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The governing body of our school is made up of parent governors, staff governors, a representative of the local authority and co-opted governors from the local community.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in our school and in the welfare of our children, together with the time and willingness to get involved, occasionally during the school day.

The Governing Body would particularly welcome people who have a financial background, an interest/experience in special educational needs, an interest in equality/diversity or knowledge of the school curriculum. However, most skills and experience that people have can be very useful. Governors also need what is known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

Our governing body expects governors to

- attend one termly meeting of the full governing body
- sit on at least one sub-committee and attend the meetings which are also usually once a term
- commit to attend training courses, perform additional research as required and take part in monitoring areas within the school

In return, our governing body commits to

- provide you with a structured induction
- provide access to quality training
- provide you with an experienced governor as mentor

If you are interested and would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, you can follow this link to the East Riding Governor information page. <https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/governors/general-info-school-governors>

If you would like to have a chat about it, please email me with your contact details and I will pass on your details to our chair of governors or head teacher who will then contact you to arrange a time for a conversation.

The closing date for nominations is Monday 11th October 2021. Nomination forms can be sent to the school office for my attention or emailed to my address below.

Should a ballot be necessary we will give you details of how that works in due course.

In the meantime, should anyone have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Yours sincerely

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School Business Manager
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NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ELECTION OF A PARENT GOVERNOR

Parents wishing to make nominations should complete this form and return it to Karen Hamilton, via the school office, **by Monday 11th October 2021.**

Name and address of parent nominated for election	Name and address of proposer	Name and address of seconder
Name of child/ren in school	Name of child/ren in school	Name of child/ren in school
Signature	Signature	Signature

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS: Please describe what experience and skills you can bring to the role. (Maximum 100 words). In the event of an election this statement will be used on the ballot paper.