Become a parent governor at

**Crigglestone St James**

We have 2 vacancies for a parent/carer to join our Governing Body as a Parent Governor. A school governor plays a key strategic role in supporting the school to move forwards.

The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

* Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
* Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff; and
* Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

To fulfil their responsibilities, governors not only attend meetings but may come into school during the school day to increase their knowledge of the school, enabling them to better support the school.

School Governors serve for a four year term of office and support the school in a variety of ways. It is a very important and worthwhile job!Any parent/carer can become a governor. The requirements are that you are a parent/have parental responsibility for a child, that you have the enthusiasm and desire to make a difference and that you have the time and commitment, to do so. This will involve coming into school during the school day, for example, to attend meetings, to support the school with tasks/interviews, as well as attending meetings in the evenings.

Being a governor is an enormously challenging and rewarding opportunity. The personal benefits can be summarised as:

* A sense of satisfaction through knowing children will benefit from your efforts.
* The opportunity to develop new skills and to strengthen existing ones.
* The opportunity to work with people from a variety of social, cultural and religious backgrounds.
* The opportunity to gain awareness of the education system as a whole.

The Governing Body has undertaken a skills audit and has established that it would be desirable for a new governor to possess time and commitment as well as up-to-date skills/experience relating to the following areas: risk management, leading/being a chair of a committee, developing and leading on specific strategies. The ability to communicate sensitively and maintain confidentiality are a must too. Please be aware however, that it is not essential that you have skills in these areas in order to become a parent governor. As well as attending Governing Body meetings each half term, there is an expectation that school governors also become members of one of the committees, which meet during the school day 3 times a year. School Governors must also complete mandatory safeguarding courses.

Training and support is available for new and existing governors and is free of charge. There would be an expectation for governors to attend training to develop their skills to support the work of the Governing Body.

Do you want to support us and help us move forward? Do you have the time and commitment needed to support our children to be ‘Ready for the Future’? If so, contact our school office for details and a nomination form.

The closing date to hand in your completed nomination form is Thursday 14th November at 3:30pm.

