



STANFORD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Co-opted Governor Vacancy

The governing body of Stanford Junior School currently has vacancies for co-opted governors. We are all volunteers who wish to make a positive contribution to the school and the education of all its children.

We are keen to reflect more fully the population of our school and are actively seeking to recruit a co-opted governor who self identifies from the BME community.

We are also looking for someone with finance experience, as one of the governing body's roles is to oversee the financial performance of the school.

The governing body's overriding responsibility is to work in partnership with the Headteacher, who we appoint, to promote the continuous improvement in the performance of the school. We play an important part in raising school standards through our three key roles of setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability and monitoring and evaluating school performance.

We currently meet once a month and in addition to the work outlined above review issues relating to behaviour, curriculum, staffing, building maintenance and finances. The governing body makes collective decisions.

As a body, we elect a Chair and Vice Chair and Link Governors for specific areas of work. A governor's term of office is 4 years.

We have 15 governor positions made up of 4 elected parent governors, 1 local authority governor, 1 elected staff governor, 1 Headteacher staff governor and 8 co-opted governors. We also have a professional Clerk.

Parent Governors are elected when a vacancy arises, by a ballot of eligible parents. Local authority governors are nominated by the local authority and appointed by the governing body. Co-opted governors are appointed by the governing body to ensure the body has a range of skills and expertise amongst members. Staff governors (elected and co-opted) are drawn from both teaching and non-teaching staff groups and are elected by the staff.

We encourage all our governors to attend the excellent training provided by the local authority to ensure we maintain the skills necessary to fulfil our role. There is also a full induction programme for new governors. More information on being a school governor can be found on the Brighton & Hove website: <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/governors>.

If you are interested in this position, please apply in writing with an outline of the skills you feel you could bring to the role. Applications should be addressed to Shelley Baker, Chair of Governors, at the address above.

