

# The Governors of St John's Primary School in Clifton & Redland are looking for a volunteer to serve on our school's Governing Body



St John's Primary School is an Ofsted Outstanding, voluntary-controlled Church of England school. We pride ourselves on delivering an outstanding education within a nurturing environment. Our holistic approach to learning enables all children to develop into confident, articulate and immensely capable young people ready for their next stage of education and beyond. More information about our school is available via our website: <http://www.stjohnsprimary.org.uk/>

A co-opted governor is an individual appointed by the Governing Body who has skills which can contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. Applications are welcome from parents, carers or other people from our community – anyone who is interested in helping us to continue improving the school and making a difference to our children's futures.

Governors make a substantial and essential contribution to schools. Responsibilities of the Governing Body are:

- Setting the vision and strategic direction of school;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the school's educational performance;
- Ensuring financial resources are well spent;
- Supporting the inclusive ethos and values of the school's Church foundation.

## The Role

We are looking for someone who is:

- Passionate about education and life-long learning
- Regularly available during school hours and early evenings
- Able to listen critically and ask probing, constructive questions
- Self-motivated and dependable
- Willing to take on the role of 'critical friend' for the school
- Committed to promoting equality and diversity
- Enthusiastic about being an active, positive member of the Governing Body team
- Looking for an opportunity to use and develop their existing skills and learn new skills

For this specific vacancy, a background in one or more of these areas is of interest:

- Primary or secondary education
- Health & Safety management
- Sports education
- Team leadership and/or experience chairing meetings

Being a governor is extremely rewarding and enjoyable, but it does require a commitment to regular attendance in meetings and involvement in the school. The full Governing Body meets a minimum of five times a year from 5:15-7:15pm. In addition to this, governors are expected to participate in committee meetings (five times a year from 4-6pm), school visits during the school day and formal training among other activities. **For this position, we are looking specifically for a volunteer who will take a leadership role within the governing body.**

Training and support are available to help you develop into the role. This includes mentoring as well as free external in-person and online training.

## Further Information

If you would like to have an informal discussion about the role or are interested in applying, please contact the Chair of Governors at [governors@stjohnsprimary.org.uk](mailto:governors@stjohnsprimary.org.uk). Applicants will be required to complete a short form. For the protection of children, all governor appointments are subject to a DBS check and will require two references.

**Closing date for applications is Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 at noon, interviews to be held week of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**