

St. John's Church of England Primary School and Nursery

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Reference Parent governor vacancy

We have two parent governors whose terms of office come to an end in the coming weeks. Mrs. Karen Clark's term of office comes to an end today on 7.2.25 and I thank her for her support on the governing body for the last 6 years. Mr. David Turvey's term of office comes to an end on 12.3.25. David would like to carry on in his role of parent governor and I thank him for wanting to continue his support after four years on the governing body. Whenever a parent governor term of office ends all parents have an opportunity to express an interest in joining the governing body.

Therefore, we have two vacancies and invite all parents to consider expressing an interest in joining our governing body. As David would like to continue as a governor, if we have more than one new nominated parent, we would hold a parent ballot in February where parents would get to vote on all nominated candidates.

Governor expectations

Governors are expected to prepare for and attend

- Six full governor meetings a year, lasting two hours, on Thursday evenings, starting at 7.00pm.
- Three committee meetings a year, lasting up to two hours that take place during the school day or early evening.

It is expected that governors attend regular training to help them fulfil the duties listed below successfully.

Governors need to

- Help to decide the priorities for improving the school
- Focus on and work towards agreed core strategic functions
- Work as part of the team, co-operatively with other Governors in the best interest of the school
- Promote the interest of the school in the wider community
- Have an equal right to participate and to state their views whilst respecting the views of others
- Are loyal to the decisions made by the Governing Body
- Respect the confidentiality of those items of business that have been designated as confidential and do not disclose what individuals have said or how they have voted
- Withdraw from a decision from which he or she or a partner or close relative stands to gain or where he or she is too involved to be objective
- Have regard to the broader responsibilities as a Governor of a public institution in regard to promoting a public accountability for the actions and performance of the Governing Body

Governors are expected to do the above by

- Acting with integrity, objectivity, confidentiality and honesty in the best interests of the school
- Fulfilling a largely strategic role in the running of the school
- Visiting and getting to know the school and the people in it in accordance with the agreed visits protocol
- Working in partnership with the Headteacher to raise standards
- Actively contributing to the work of the governing body
- Abiding by the adopted Code of Practice



Governors are not responsible for the day-to-day management and leadership of the school. The governors' role is strategic and involves setting the long term vision and values and ensuring that the school works towards them.

If you are interested in joining our governing body as a parent governor you need to

- Return the nomination form signed by yourself and the person who nominates you [CLICK HERE](#)
- Complete the declaration of eligibility form [CLICK HERE](#).

If you would like printed copies, please let the office know and we will be able to let you have them free of charge. You need to return both forms to the school office, marked for the attention Mrs. Atkinson-Gregory, chair of governors by 12.00pm on Friday 14th February 2025.

If you would like to find out more please use the links below to various governor support and governor information documents and websites. Also, if you would like to speak to me to find out more about becoming a governor please contact me via the school office, leaving your name and contact details.

The role of a governor at St. John's, written by our governors to help new members – [CLICK HERE](#)

St. John's CE Code of Conduct for governors – [CLICK HERE](#)

Governance guidance produced by the Department for Education – [CLICK HERE](#)

Derbyshire LA school governor support page – [CLICK HERE](#)

The National Governance Association web page – [CLICK HERE](#)

Yours Sincerely

Patience Atkinson-Gregory
Chair of governors