

# SHERINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you had a lovely holiday break and wish you all the best for 2019!

The Sherington Governing Body currently have two vacancies for co-opted governors.

Co-opted governors are appointed by the Governing Body on the basis of their skills or experience, and their ability to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. This position is open to anyone in the local community, whether you are a parent/carer of a pupil or not. We would be grateful if you could consider whether you, or someone that you know, would be able and willing to take on this role?

We are particularly keen to hear from anyone with financial management experience, and would welcome applications from individuals who are:

- Able to set strategic priorities, identify and understand financial implications;
- Familiar with budget setting and monitoring – with strong interpretation & analysis skills;
- Familiar with presentation of accounting data; and
- Able to communicate their knowledge and insights effectively.

We are also interested in hearing from anyone that can bring one or more of the following areas of skills/experience areas to the governing body:

- Experience of property and estate-management;
- Experience of school sector HR policy and processes;
- Experience of inspection and oversight in the school sector;
- Experience of reviewing governance structures;
- Previous experience of being a governor/trustee in another school or being a board member in another sector;
- Experience of school sector risk management;
- Expertise in curriculum development, school assessment and progress/attainment data analysis;
- An understanding of special education needs and disabilities (SEND).

The new governors will work as part of the governing body to meet the key strategic functions of:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction;
- Holding the head to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure that its money is well spent.



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You will need to be able to commit sufficient time, some of which may be during the school day. Attendance at the relevant Committee and Full Governors Meetings (held each school term) is expected, and there will be additional commitments in the form of working groups, school visits and time for reading and analysis. Our Committee and Full Governors Meetings currently take place in the morning (8am).

Appointments are for a term of 4 years. New governor training and induction will be provided, together with further training and development opportunities.

The governing body will review all replies, interview selected candidates, and make a decision on appointments. Applicants who are not appointed at this time may be approached in the future as other vacancies arise.

If you are interested in putting your name forward for the role of co-opted governor please drop an email to [governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk) explaining in 300 words or less why you would like to take on this role, and what you would bring to it. (Any questions about the role are also welcome.)

This position is being advertised on the school website <http://sheringtonprimary.co.uk> , publicised to the school community, and has been posted on <https://www.governorsforschools.org.uk/> .

**Applications to be received by the close of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.**

Applying for this role will be taken as confirmation that there are no conditions that would disqualify you from holding office as a school governor as given in <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/1034/schedule/4/made> .

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sherington Governing Body.



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