

The Federation of Guillemont Junior School and Pinewood Infant School

24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Co-opted Governor Vacancies,

The federation is providing exciting opportunities for the two schools to further co-operate and work together to the benefit the children's education and development. Both schools are ambitious, forward looking and are popular and well regarded by the communities they serve.

The role of the governor body is key in this, to provide strategic oversight, offer a different perspective in decision-making and to be supportive of the federation leaders.

We have a strong and committed governing body, our parent and staff elected posts are filled but we do have vacancies for governors to be co-opted. The co-opted governors are appointed at the discretion of the Governing Body and can be parents/carers, be from the wider school community, relations and friends, or from our local community. They do not need to have a connection with the school apart from the willingness to be supportive of the education and well-being of our children.

The role of a school governor is a very rewarding, will help you gain new knowledge and skills and will enable you to bring a valuable perspective to the work of the Governing Body.

Do not worry if you have no experience, as full training and support is available and you will be well supported by your colleagues on the governing body.

The governing body's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- to hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- to oversee the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent.

We feel sure that there are parents or family members and friends prepared to take on this important role and to give their time, skills and commitment to help us navigate our way forward and to continue to improve the performance of both schools.

Full training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support, as well as access to excellent external governor training.

You might also like to look at the information for prospective governors on the Hampshire County Council website

hants.gov.uk/governors-volunteer

To declare your interest in being a governor, please inform the school office (Guillemont or Pinewood) with contact details. The next step is for you to meet and have a conversation with a small group of governors to discuss in more detail the role and how you would contribute as a governor. If this goes well, your name will go forward to the Governing Body for co-option.



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You will be required to complete a short application form and please note, that for the protection of children, all governor appointments are subject to identity and DBS checks.

There is no absolute deadline but we would very much like to hear from you by Monday 13th March 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Norris - Chair of Governors