

## **George Street School**

## **Calling all parents**

Our school is in need of a parent governor



Please have a read....

We asked our children why they thought the school needed governors.

We need governors to give us advice on how to make the school better

We need governors to give us the help we need

If you're a governor you get to see how the school is run and how amazing the school, staff and children are

know how to spend money in the right way to give us all the right resources we need so that we can learn more and be better in our learning

Governors help us to

Being a governor can give you more experience in your job

Governors at George Street have an important role; they help:

- Plan the school's future journey
- Ensure the school's money is well spent
- Hold the headteacher to account
- Drive improvement

Parent governors bring a parental perspective to the running of the school.

Full free training is provided.

Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school, bringing their wealth of experience and knowledge and contributing to the successful running of their child's school.

Being a governor is a "hands off" role – decisions made by the board influence the whole school, but governors are not responsible for, or involved in, the day-to-day running of the school. The role is a necessary part of ensuring the good functioning of school leadership.

Governors set the ethos of the school and drive for continuous improvement, and they also oversee financial performance and ensure money is well-spent. Governors' commission the head teacher and other school leaders to act on their behalf in putting their ideas into practice, and they ensure that the school leadership is held to account in doing so.

There's plenty of opportunity to learn new skills, working with others to help to develop useful policies that will benefit the education of children. The role may sound formal, but governors play a vital role in the running of the school, as well as appreciating the sense of duty and opportunity to show loyalty to their school. You may also progress to being a chair, which brings added responsibility. The experiences of school governorship looks great on any CV, and can even create career opportunities.

If you would like to stand for election please complete and return the attached form to the school office by midday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024. You will need to ask another parent of a pupil at the school to sign the form to support your nomination. Please give brief details about yourself (not more than 160 words) on the form. If an election is needed these details will be typed, copied and sent to all parents with the ballot papers

If we only receive 1 nomination this parent will be deemed elected unopposed. If there are no nominations the governing body has the duty to appoint a parent governor to fill the vacancies.

The governing body has determined that the term of office for a parent governor is 4 years. If you are elected you may serve the full term of office even if you child leaves the school before your term of office finishes.

If you are thinking of standing as a parent governor and have further questions, please contact

<u>chair@georgestreet.herts.sch.uk</u> before 15<sup>th</sup> February, or pass your details via the school office.

For full extended information please refer to the website on the following link.

https://www.georgestreet.herts.sch.uk/governors