



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

Parent Governor Information

Governors make up the largest group of volunteers in the UK. You do not need to be an education expert or have formal qualifications to be a Governor. By volunteering your time and skills you can make a positive contribution to the children's education in this school. To be an effective governor you must:

- **Listen, think, and ask questions**
- **Believe that first rate education is important for every single child in our school**
- **Take an interest in the role of our school in its community**
- **Work with other governors to digest and understand school information and data**
- **Be willing to learn, undergo training, and keep abreast of current affairs in education**
- **Be a good communicator and maintain confidentiality at all times**
- **Be prepared to give your time to doing the job well**

School governance is a team effort and in a small school such as ours the work must be shared fairly in a small team. Therefore, it is important that you consider carefully whether you have the time for governor duties, about a third of which are carried out in school hours:

- Approx. 25 hours a year for meetings and school events
- Approx. 18 hours a year for reading, researching, and notetaking in preparation for meetings
- Approx. 5 hours a year for correspondence and approval of policies
- Approx. 20 hours a year for learning walks, monitoring visits, and reports
- Approx. 4 hours a year for committees
- Approx. 8 hours a year for training
- Approx. 6 hours at the next Ofsted and SIAMS inspections

Current governors know from experience that starting this role can be daunting and there is a lot to learn. If elected as Parent Governor you would be well looked after – there will be an induction and training programme and you will be mentored for as long as you feel you need support.

Being a governor at St Bartholomew's is extremely rewarding – you can be a part of the school's hardworking, dedicated team focused on putting the children first. Being a governor can also enrich your career prospects by enhancing your CV, as well as give you opportunities to learn new transferable skills. You can make a difference not only to your own child(ren) but to the education of everyone's children for years to come.

If you would like to chat to existing governors about the role, please feel free to approach us. Please ask Mr Shawley or one of the teachers/TA to point us out to you at school. A phone call can also be arranged if more convenient. We would love to share our experiences with you and answer any questions.

Mrs Mirén Haines-Gough (Chair)
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