

GRANGETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Monday 12th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES - CAN YOU HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOL?

I am writing to let you know that there are two vacancies for parent governors at our school and to invite you to consider whether this interests you.

The governing board, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the strategic running of the school. Governing boards have three main roles:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Providing support and constructive challenge to the Headteacher and senior staff, linked to the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing Budget, Staffing, and Health and Safety.

Governors need a strong commitment to the role, an interest in education and the willingness to learn. Training is available for new governors. If you would like further information about the role of a governor, please see the Governors section of our website (in the 'About Us' menu).

Our parent governors have a term of office of four years. Our full governing board usually meets three or four times a year and we have two committees that meet termly (3 times per year) you would only be expected to sit on one committee. Most meetings start at 4.30pm, usually on Tuesdays, and last around 1.5 hours. There are usually 6 meetings per year for each Governor.

If you would like apply for this role, you should complete the nomination form (on the reverse of this letter) and send it to the school via your child, or pass it to our school Office, or send it by email to office@grangetown.sunderland.sch.uk Completed nomination forms must be returned by the end of the school day on **Friday 1st March 2024**. There is an electronic copy of the form on our school website (see 'About Us', then 'The GPS Governing Board', then Governor Recruitment). If there are more than 2 nominations, an election will be held.

Please think about taking on the role, or encourage other parents to volunteer. We need committed parent governors to make the governing board as effective as it can be.

Yours sincerely

Mr L McAnaney

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Headteacher

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