How to become a school governor

The governing body is group of volunteers made up of people dedicated to the improvement of education at Herne Bay Junior School.

Who can become a school governor?

Any parent of a pupil at Herne Bay Junior School can become a Parent Governor. You need to be 18 or over, a legal resident of the UK and not disqualified under the School Governance Constitution (England) Regulations 2003.

Members of the local community can become co-opted governors if they hold certain skills.

Why become a school governor?

Governors perform the most important voluntary role in education. A full and diverse governing body can be an enormous strength to the school. Volunteering as a governor is a great way to contribute to your local community, meet new people and improve the lives of local children. You will develop transferable skills and learn more about the education system whilst putting existing skills and experience to good use.

How much time do I need to commit?

There are six Full Governing Body (FGB) meetings a year which last approximately 2-3 hours. Governors work in pairs or small teams, each taking responsibility for an aspect of the School Improvement Plan, feeding back the outcomes from monitoring or group meetings to the Full Governing Body. All FGB meetings are held in school from 6pm onwards. We ask governors to spend some time in our school in order to undertake monitoring and familiarise themselves with the running of the school. The minimum expectation is three days a year (most employers allow time off for governor-related duties) although governors can spend more time in school if they wish.

There is also a commitment to attend relevant governor training which normally takes place in the evening. The minimum requirement is at least one training session per year.

How do I apply to become a governor?

If you are not already familiar with the school, the first step is to contact the school office on Tel: 01227 374608, make an appointment to see Melody Kingman, the Headteacher and have a look round the school. You can also call the school office to arrange an informal chat with the Chair of Governors Prof. David Wilkinson. If you would like to apply to become a Governor please either send a letter of application to:

Prof. David Wilkinson, Chair of Governors,

Herne Bay Junior School,

Kings Road, Herne Bay,

Kent, CT6 5DA
Alternatively, contact Clare Davies (Clerk to the Governors) Tel: (01227) 374608 or email cdavies@hernebay-jun.kent.sch.uk.