

CASSIOBURY INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

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VACANCY FOR A CO-OPTED GOVERNOR

The Role of a School Governor is paramount to the effective running of a school. The role is diverse, varied and interesting, giving the ability to directly influence all aspects of school life to ensure our children leave us with the best possible chance in the future.

Do I need specific skills?

The Governing body is made up of people from all walks of life. We do *not* simply seek those with a professional background, educational experience or specialism; enthusiasm and a commitment to seek the best for our children's education is what really matters. Having governors with a variety of skills can bring fresh insight and differing perspectives, which can allow broad and representative decisions to be made on behalf of the school.

At this time we are specifically looking for a governor who has a keen interest in school development or in monitoring school finance as well as the upkeep of school premises and equipment.

One of the main roles of the School Development Committee (SDC) is to advise the Governing Body on the school's curriculum policy, and its statutory obligations relating to the curriculum. It is also responsible for reviewing, adopting and monitoring all curriculum policies, and visiting the school when possible to ensure the policies are being implemented.

The resources committee is responsible for reviewing, adopting and monitoring all health and safety policies. Cassiobury Infants and Nursery school sets its budget at the beginning of each financial year and it is the role of the Resources Committee to monitor spending throughout the academic year.

What is involved?

The Full Governing body meets approximately 5 times a year. There are two separate committees, one to oversee Resources and Personnel within the School and a second to oversee School Development. As well as attending Full Governing body meetings, Governors are expected to sit on one of these two committees which meet 3 to 4 times a year. All the above meetings take place in the evenings at 6.30pm, usually on Mondays. We also encourage our Governors to visit the school regularly and be part of our school family. It can take up as much or as little time as you are able to give but it has been proven time and time again, that becoming a Governor can be a very positive and rewarding experience.

To find out more, please log onto <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-governors/becoming-a-school-governor.aspx> where you can find a step by step guide to what is involved.

Please be aware that regulations require everyone elected or appointed to a governing body to undergo a pre-appointment check which may include a criminal background check. This is to ensure the safety of the pupils. If you are elected and you subsequently decline to undergo such a check, you will disqualify yourself.

For further information about our school please have a look at our school website:

<https://www.cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk/>

Or if you have any specific questions, please email Emma Boylan, Chair of Governors

chair@cassioburyinfants.herts.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you!