



Thakeham Primary School – Co-opted Governor Vacancy

An opportunity has arisen for a Co-Opted Governor to join the Governing Body at Thakeham Primary School.

We are a friendly, popular and successful Primary School with strong community links. From September 2017 we expanded to become a Primary School and re-located to a modern, well-resourced and re-furbished building on Rock Road, within the Parish of Thakeham. This has served to support and facilitate the opportunities available to our pupils and staff, enhancing our achievements. These are recognised in our recent ‘**Good**’ Ofsted report (July 2018) which we are very proud of!

Thakeham is a really special place to learn and grow. We have 4 classes with 101 pupils on roll and growing. High quality learning and teaching are at the heart of our school. We nurture and celebrate each child’s individual talents and skills to enable them to be happy, confident and resilient individuals with a passion for learning, inspired to achieve their very best. Through encouraging a strong sense of respect and responsibility, both within our local community and the wider world, we support our children to be co-operative, caring citizens for the future.

The successful candidate will have:

- a strong commitment to the role which includes dedicating their time regularly during each school term and throughout the year to carrying out the duties of a governor (see FAQs for further details).
- a strong commitment to making sure there are high aspirations for the all the children in our school and a commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes for all our pupils.
- the skills to understand the particular ethos of our school and to be supportive of our school’s vision and values, to show empathy and trust and flexibility to meet the changing needs of education and our school
- to be naturally inquisitive and have the ability to question and analyse, and share our passion for learning
- good inter-personal skills
- appropriate levels of literacy in English and sufficient numeracy skills to understand basic data
- empathy and understanding of the need to adhere to the seven principles of public life, which are selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership to carry out the role to the highest standards, as the holder of a public office

At Thakeham Primary School we are fortunate to have a wide range of skills within our Governing Body. Currently we are looking for a new member to join us who may have skills/expertise in:

- ICT/Computing
- Assessment
- Coaching
- Finance
- Spiritual, moral, social, cultural, personal or health education
- School buildings and maintenance
- HR

However we are keen to hear from you, if you have other skills/expertise to offer that you feel may be helpful to the governing body and school.

If you are interested in this voluntary but worthwhile role at our thriving, popular school, we are asking for expressions of interest, outlining how your skills could support the school at our exciting phase of development. Please also read the attached FAQs for further information, see our website or contact the Headteacher Mrs S. Norton for further information via the School Office on 01903 740176. Expressions of interest should be emailed to the Clerk to the Governing Body clerk@thakehamps.co.uk by 13th December 2019. Informal discussions/interviews will be held w/c 16th December 2019. This post is subject to a successful DBS (Police) check as part of our commitment to Safeguarding.