



SHOTTERY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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New School Governor Positions

The revised Instrument of Government for Shottery St Andrew's CE Primary School will take effect from 1 March 2019; to support this we are currently looking for four new co-opted governors to join our governing body team.

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role (to read papers, attend meetings, lead on initiatives and visit the school)
- Is able to work well as part of a team with care, consideration and integrity
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

In looking to fill these vacancies we are particularly interested in applications from people with finance/accounting experience, although please do not be put off if you do not have these skills as there are many aspects to the role, what is equally important is enthusiasm, interest and the willingness to learn and participate.

These volunteer positions are open to people from our community. Co-opted governors are not elected but are appointed directly by the governing body.

What is the role of the governing body?

- Helping to set and review the schools strategic direction and agreeing targets for improvement
- Holding the head teacher and school leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure public money is well spent

What does the role offer?

- A chance to develop your own personal skills



- Access to a programme of free training in respect of education/governance matters
- A sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential
- The support and guidance from fellow governors

How much time does it take?

The Governing Body generally meet seven times a year, either as a full team or as subcommittees. There are also opportunities for further working party groups. Although meetings have historically taken place immediately after school the Governing Body are currently meeting in the evenings between 18:30 and 20:30.

All members of the Governing Body are expected to actively contribute to meetings both in terms of preparation and the meetings themselves, you will also be expected to be able to come into school to perform monitoring visits as required - probably once or twice a term depending on your role within the governing body. This is an important part of our work as governors, and requires governors to visit the school during school hours.

If you are interested or know of somebody else who would be, then please complete the attached application form and skills audit, also available on our school website and return by Monday 3 December 2018.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the role before submitting an application please leave your contact details with the school office and one of our current governors will be more than happy to call you or meet up for an informal chat.

For further information please also look at the information for prospective governors on the Warwickshire County Council website at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-governors>.

Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role. If you have a passion for improving the life chances of children and can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our school to help us to fulfil our vision, please get in touch!

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