



# The Cedar School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Parent/Carer Governor Vacancies at Cedar**

As you may be aware, every school has a governing body which oversees its work and strategic direction. The role of a governing body is not to be involved in the day-to-day operation of a school but, rather, is to support, guide and challenge the school to provide the very best for the children who attend.

Governing bodies comprise representatives from a number of groups including parents/carers, staff and the local authority. The governing body can also invite people whose skills or experience would be beneficial to join. The headteacher is automatically a member of the governing body. Every year governors vote for one of them to serve as Chair of the Governing Body.

At Cedar we currently have two parent/carers governor vacancies meaning that an exciting opportunity has arisen for two new parent/carers governors to join!

Here is a bit more information about the role of a parent/carers governor:

### **Parent/Carers governors should have:**

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity and a willingness to learn and develop new skills

### **Parent/Carers governors are expected to:**

- Attend meetings (*These are usually held twice a half-term at 5pm on Tuesdays at Cedar.*)
- Maintain confidentiality – There will be many discussions that are confidential which governors are not be able to share with family and friends.
- Be committed to training – Training and support is available to help new governors develop into the role. This includes in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training.
- Visit the school – Governors are required to visit the school at pre-arranged times.

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*The Cedar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people. It expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to the school to share and embrace this commitment.*

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**Cedar's governing body is keen for parent/carers to have skills in the following:**

- The pursuit of educational excellence for learners in our special school
- Financial and budgeting awareness for large organisations

However, these skills are only desirable. **We warmly welcome anyone who feels that they have the commitment to support the governing body.**

Governors do not need to have any experience of working in education nor do they need to be 'experts'! **It is commitment to the success of the school which is the vital factor! The rest can be learned!**

**Interested in finding out more?**

If you are interested in finding out more, our Chair of Governors (Ginny Assinder) and I would welcome the opportunity to meet you and to further discuss this opportunity.

If you are interested in finding out more, please can I ask you to let me know by contacting [neilrevell@cedarschool.co.uk](mailto:neilrevell@cedarschool.co.uk) by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Ginny and I will then be in touch, after the Easter Holiday, regarding next steps.

It is important to share that if, having met with Ginny and myself, we receive more 'applications' than there are vacancies, a ballot amongst parents/carers will be carried out. In addition, please note that, for the protection of children, all governor appointments are subject to an identity check and an Enhanced DBS Check.

With many thanks as always,



Neil Revell  
Headteacher