

Uplands Junior School

Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you objective, interested in broad educational needs and keen to raise aspirations for all pupils? We have an opportunity for you to share your skills and enthusiasm as a parent governor on our board.

The Governing Board:

- Sets the vision and strategic direction for the school
- Holds the Headteacher to account on finance and pupil outcomes
- Works to improve the outcomes for every child at Uplands.
- Is “eyes on, hands off.” (The day-to-day running of the school is for the Headteacher)
- Has real impact: we work as part of the leadership team to create and implement the school’s Vision and Aims
- Challenge and support school leaders to drive continual school improvement

Your commitment:

- Four 2 hour Full Governing Board meetings a year – currently 3.30/45pm on Mondays. These are in school or via Teams. (Attendance is important to keep up to date with developments and contribute to strategic decision making.)
- Be a member of either the Finance & Pay Committee (via Teams) or Curriculum, Progress & Achievement Committee (in school). Both meet 3 times a year. Discussion at committees allow us to focus on key issues and developments and look at progress and impact of initiatives.
- Pre-reading for meetings - come with questions!
- Participate in induction, essential safeguarding and ongoing training - online and in-person
- Visit the school at least once a term to meet with staff and children, as directed by the board. Monitoring and reporting on progress in specific subjects or school improvement priorities is a key to fulfilling your governance role. Guidance and training is available for this.
- Be a representative parent; not a parent representative.

Why do it?

- Collectively, governors lead the school. It’s a real chance to make a difference in children’s lives
- Governors gain a deep knowledge of the primary education sector.
- Develop your professional skills and experience such as strategic planning, chairing, financial planning, and team working, all of which are valued by employers and can assist your own career and personal development

Need more information?

- A full job description is on ‘Our Governor’ page on the Uplands School website along with Government details of those not eligible to apply. [Our Governors | Uplands Junior \(uplandsjuniorschool.org.uk\)](https://www.uplandsjuniorschool.org.uk)
- You can also contact the school office who will put you in touch with one of our governors

How to apply?

- Nominate yourself to stand for election by completing the attached form and confirming your eligibility.
- Please write a brief statement about yourself highlighting relevant experience, skills or knowledge to help parents decide whom to vote for (if an election is required).
- **Return your nominations in person or via email to the school office, clearly marked as PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY**
- **DEADLINE Nomination forms must be received by 4pm on Friday 4th October 2024.**
- Should there be more than one nomination for the vacancy ballot papers will then be sent out to all parents.

All our governors are required to complete an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (paid for by Uplands) and adhere to our Governor Code of Conduct.