



POST: FINANCE GOVERNOR

We are currently looking for a new co-opted governor to join our friendly governing body. We are ideally seeking to recruit a governor who has expertise or experience within the financial sector or who has had prior governance experience in a financial capacity. 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 schools. Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the schools, and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role. All school Governors serve a 4-year term. They act as a 'critical friend', working voluntarily to strategically oversee the running of the school. Minutes of all committee meetings are available upon request from the school office.

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 local community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- 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.

These volunteer positions are open to parents/guardians or other people from the local community – maybe you know a friend or family member that is keen to take on a new challenge. Co-opted governors are not elected by a parent election but are instead appointed directly by the governing body.

What is the role of the governing body?

- Helping to set and review the school's strategic direction and agreeing targets for improvement
- Holding the headteacher 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 effectively spent

This 30 second [video](#) gives you a quick overview of the role of school governors.

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

In order to perform the role well, a governor is expected to:

- Get to know the school, including carrying out school visits and by reading reports and data packs in advance of governor meetings, to gain a good understanding of the schools' strengths and weaknesses
- Attend new governor induction training, and other regular relevant training and development events
- Attend meetings (full governing board meetings and committee meetings) and be involved in the discussion



- Act in the best interest of all the pupils of the school
- Behave in a professional manner, as set down in the governing board's code of conduct, including maintaining strict confidentiality

In looking to fill this vacancy we are particularly interested in applications from people with financial management experience, for example those running businesses or departmental budgets, or with formal financial qualifications such as accountants or accounts clerks, who also have a real interest in the school. What is most important though is enthusiasm, interest, and a willingness to learn.

It is helpful if you can occasionally visit the school during the day. Formal Governer body meetings and training sessions are typically held in the evening.

If you are interested, or know of somebody else who would be, then please submit a personal statement - outlining your suitability for the role, why you would like to join the board and what you feel you would be able to contribute - either to the school office or clerk@alwynandcourthouse.co.uk

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the role before submitting your personal statement, please leave your contact details with the school office and a member of the governing board or the Executive Headteacher will be more than happy to call you or meet up for an informal chat. This post will be subject to all necessary safeguarding and background checks.

Application Dates:

- Application deadline is the 11th October
- Informal conversations with all shortlisted applicants will be held by 24th October

One of our current Governors, Richard Burdett, writes:

Being a Governor gives me a real insight into how the schools operate. It also allows me to help them by sharing my experience of running a business and being a trustee of several charities so that we can make best use of the school budget. The governing body is very friendly, with a wide variety of skills, so there is plenty of support.