



NINE ACRES COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Team Work Respect Aspiration Perseverance Caring Creativity Citizenship Courage Independence

'Striving for Excellence'

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Dear Parents,

Nine Acres Governing Body needs your help to support the school. Every school, whether maintained by the Local Authority or as an Academy, is required to have a fully constituted and functioning Governing Body.

The Governing Body is not like our excellent Helping Hands who, as a Parent/ Teacher Association, raises funds to support the school, supply needed equipment and complete many projects around the school. A school's Governing Body has four essential functions:

1. To hold the Head Teacher and Senior Leaders to account for the education of its pupils i.e. ensure all the children receive the best education possible.
2. To ensure the budget for the school is set and maintained. Additionally, the monies received from the Government and Local Authority is spent wisely.
3. To set the vision and ethos of the school, promoting citizenship and British Values.
4. Ensure the safeguarding of our children is rigorously enforced.

The Governing Body comprises of volunteers and we need more Governors to join us to do the incredibly important job of ensuring that the Head Teacher and her dedicated team achieve the very best education for all the children.

A Governor is required to attend eleven meetings during the school year, generally held once a month on a Thursday after school. The post of Governor is open to any relation of a school pupil, which includes not only parents but Grandparents, Aunts or Uncles too.

There are training courses available, free of charge, to equip Governors with an underpinning knowledge to support the school. So, don't worry if you don't think you have all the necessary skills now. A passion to see the school succeed and a genuine interest to help the school be the best it can be is an excellent starting point!

If you think that you may be interested in becoming a Governor and be part of the team to shape the Nine Acres of today and tomorrow, in the first instance, contact the school office for more information. Alternatively, feel free to contact myself through the school, I will be more than happy to answer your questions on being a Governor.

Best regards

Chris Douglass

Chair of Governors of Nine Acres Community Primary School

