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We have vacant Governor posts……



School governors make a difference

….can you help?

- Are you able to attend meetings during the school term?
- Are you interested in helping to deliver the best possible education to help SJB children achieve their full potential?
- Do you see yourself acting as a ‘Critical Friend’ to the School Leadership Team, to help create positive school improvements?

In return you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are making a real difference.

You will have the opportunity to use and improve a range of highly transferable skills, work with new people and apply your knowledge and experience to benefit our local community.

No experience is needed as training is available.

If you are interested in the role, please email **Mr John Barrett, Chair of Governors: jbarrett@sjbarrow.cumbria.sch.uk**

Thank you, we look forward to hearing from you!

PTO for details on the role of school governors

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What do school governors do?

- Governors work together as a team, making collective decisions to ensure that all pupils receive an education that empowers them to learn and achieve their full potential.
- Governors define the school's strategic direction through setting annual improvement plans focused on priority development areas.
- Governors raise standards across the school by regularly monitoring performance against agreed targets.
- Governors oversee the school's budget and a three-year 'value for money' balanced financial plan.

What skills are needed?

No special skills are required. The only essential requirement is a keen interest in the strategic management of the school and in the education of the pupils, as well as the time and willingness to get involved. The following are very welcome:professional experience and/or qualifications and/or soft skills (e.g. interpersonal skills, team-working, the ability to constructively challenge and data interpretation). These will be very useful to consolidate the Governing Body's expertise. No experience of the role is required - training is provided in a variety of ways: at GB meetings, from a buddy governor, online resources and group events with other governors from local schools.

Who can be a governor?

You can if you are aged 18 or over and have a minimum of 6 hours a month to spare. It is not necessary to be a parent of a child in school, or to have any connections to SJB. The most important things which a volunteer can bring to the role are time, commitment and enthusiasm. Many local employers are willing to allow employees time away from work to carry out governor business or training.

What are the benefits of being a school governor?

There are many varied and valid reasons why people take on the role. It is mutually beneficial – children benefit from better life chances and the community these are the next generation of Ulverston adults; it also gives you the opportunity to develop new skills and to fine-tune existing skills.