

Palace Wood Primary School are currently looking for a governor with a range of skills to join our school governing board. We're hoping that you, someone you know, or someone in your organisation can help us to fill this gap.

There are approximately 250,000 school governors in England – the largest volunteer force in the country. High quality governance has a significant impact on how well a school is run and what pupils can achieve. Despite this, 10% of governor positions are vacant.

### **What does a governing board do?**

The school's governing board is responsible for:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school
- Holding the school leaders to account for the educational and financial performance of the school
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure money is well spent

The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

### **What we're looking for**

Contrary to popular thought – you don't have to be a parent, or connected to the school in some way to be a governor.

For the school, the main advantage of having you, or one of your colleagues, join our governing board, is the expertise and experience you can bring to the role. Their knowledge will greatly improve the effectiveness of our governing board and have a positive impact on the education of our pupils.

### **What governors get**

A full induction with the Chair of Governors and Headteacher as well as access to appropriate induction governor training through the Local Authority. They will also get to support and work with a fantastic group of governors and teachers as well as supporting enthusiastic and passionate children.

### **About our school**

We are a two form entry primary school with two buildings and amazing grounds. By having two buildings, we are able to provide children with the 'best of both worlds' as we are able to be both separate and inclusive at the same time. We make sure that all of our children have the chance to mix through a range of activities, but also have the opportunity to develop independence and an identity all of their own.

The school has seen some incredible successes over the past few years in both academic and non-academic areas. Following our Ofsted inspection in July 2017, Palace Wood is now a GOOD school. This is backed up by our academic results, which regularly place us in the top 20% of



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schools nationally, and our non-academic successes, in areas such as sports, where we compete and are successful in a range of sporting competitions.

At Palace Wood, we are incredibly proud to offer a broad and balanced curriculum, which focuses on the needs and experiences of the children, and develops enquiring minds. We provide the children with a wealth of opportunities to enhance their learning with the aim that we can help to mould rounded children. We have a holistic approach to learning, which starts in foundation, where we aim to inspire a love of learning. We want our children to be independent, self-motivated learners who are inquisitive, who persevere, who are happy, positive and determined, and most of all, proud of themselves. We want our children to be excellent role models for each other by being responsible, polite, honest and show empathy for each other.

### What we require of governors

In terms of time commitment, we expect that governors will attend up to 6 meetings a year, which will take place in the evening and rarely last more than 2 hours. Occasional visits to see the school in action would be most welcome.

Experience tells us that our governors not only make a difference to the school, but also gain much personal and professional satisfaction from the role.

We hope that you or one of your colleagues might be interested in becoming a governor.

We're happy to talk with anyone interested, or arrange a visit to the school, if you'd like to find out more. Please feel free to email [office@palacewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@palacewood.kent.sch.uk) or call 01622 75004

Yours sincerely,

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