

Thatcham Park Church of England Primary and Nursery School



Parent Governor Vacancy

Our governing board is looking for a committed parent or carer to join us as a parent governor. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to the future of our school and help shape the education of our 400+ pupils.

About our school:

Our Christian values underpin our ethos; every child is valued and encouraged to achieve their full potential. Every member of our school community is encouraged to respect and value each other. We want our children to learn to understand and respect our common humanity, diversity and differences so that they can go on to form the effective, fulfilling relationships that are an essential part of life and learning.

About the role:

As a parent governor, you'll work with the governing board to ensure it effectively carries out its strategic duties. You'll bring a valuable parental perspective to discussions, though you won't be there to speak 'on behalf' of all parents.

What's in it for you?

- Opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of local children and families
- Full training and ongoing support provided
- Chance to develop new skills and valuable experience in governance and leadership
- Be part of a friendly and committed team
- Help shape the strategic direction of a thriving school community

What we're looking for:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good interpersonal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The ability to think strategically about the school's future
- Time to attend governing board and committee meetings (typically held at school on Tuesdays between 5.30 - 7.30pm, twice per half term)
- A collaborative approach and the ability to work as part of a team
- An individual that supports the school's vision and values (information can be found on the school website <https://www.thatchampark.w-burks.sch.uk/westberks/primary/thatchampark>)

What's involved:

- Attending full governing board meetings and committee meetings
- Visiting the school during the day to understand how it operates
- Reading papers and reports before meetings in order to give your opinions
- Undertaking training to develop your governance skills
- Acting in the best interests of all pupils at the school

Time commitment:

The role requires approximately 6-10 hours per month (depending on the meeting schedule and when school holidays fall). This time including meetings, preparation time, and school visits.

Safeguarding:

Thatcham Park is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Governors in maintained schools are required to have an enhanced DBS check.

How to apply:

We welcome applications from all sections of the community. Thatcham Park values diversity and promotes equality of opportunity. If you're interested in this rewarding voluntary role, please contact Mrs S Thorp, the Clerk to Governors via gclerk@thatchampark.w-berks.sch.uk who will be delighted to arrange for you to meet the Chair of Governors and the Headteacher to find out more. As part of this process, you will also be invited to observe a governors meeting prior to applying.

For more information about Thatcham Park's governing board, please visit

<https://www.thatchampark.w-berks.sch.uk/westberks/primary/thatchampark/site/pages/statutoryinformation/strategicframework>