

St Anne's Catholic Primary School

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So you may be interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at our school, that is great news and we really hope you will be able to join us.

If you have read through the Diocesan documents relating to being a Foundation Governor you will know that it is a very rewarding role. The knowledge that the work Governors undertake to ensure good outcomes and impact for the pupils is the motivation behind this rewarding volunteering role, however, be under no misunderstanding it is a very big commitment.

We have full Governing Body meetings once every term in an evening and generally they can last up to two hours. In addition to that our different Committees meet once every half term in order to progress the work delegated by the full Governing Body or as often as required. Furthermore, Governors are expected to undertake relevant training and attendance at certain County run Governor Briefings.

The role of a Governor is a strategic role and the operational management of the school is the responsibility of the Head Teacher. In order to remain effective, and to promote continuous improvement, Governing Bodies undertake self assessments through Governing Body Reviews, Skills Audits and Catholic Education Skills Audits. These audits help us to identify what skills we have collectively and what gaps we have in our skills, after all we can't all be expected to be good at everything. The role of a Foundation Governor includes all the foregoing but also requires a practicing catholic who is committed to upholding the catholicity and mission of St Anne's.

We have recently undertaken a skills audit and have identified that we have skills gaps in the areas identified below and therefore, if you have experience or knowledge in the areas identified we would be particularly interested in hearing from you.

- Finance or accounting
- Curriculum, Learning or teaching
- Data Analysis
- Safeguarding and SEN
- IT systems
- Communications
- Premises H&S and Risk Management
- HR and Performance Management

If you would like to speak to one of us in the first instance to obtain a better understanding of the work involved and how you could contribute please contact our Clerk to Governors, Sue Deaville who will arrange for one of us to contact you.

We hope you feel enthused to join us and look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,
The Governors of St Anne's RC Primary School

