

LONGFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Community

Governor Vacancies

Have you thought about developing your skills, both personally and professionally and becoming a School Governor?

With our new Headteacher joining us in September 2025, it's a fantastic opportunity for you to get involved and shape the future of Longfields Primary and Nursery School.

The role and function of the Governing Board of a school are to:

1. ensuring that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined;
2. ensuring that the head teacher performs their responsibilities for the educational performance of the school; and
3. ensuring the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources.

The governing board has an extremely important role. They are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, working in partnership with the headteacher, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact.

In looking to fill these vacancies the governors have identified the following skills, experience and attributes that they feel would help strengthen the governing board:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children.
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity and a willingness to learn and develop new skills.

Time Commitment and Training for Governors: We hold Full Governing Boards 6-8 times a year on a weekday evening from 4-6pm. As we have a circle model of school governance we therefore have no committees. You will be required to carry out monitoring visits during the school day 3-4 times a year. All governors receive training to help them carry out their role. Oxfordshire Governor Services runs a wide variety of training courses for governors which you can attend, including an induction course for new governors – we expect all our governors to complete induction training.

Skills: We are particularly looking for parent governors with a passion to get involved in our school and/or community members with experience outside of the education sector. Experience outside of the local area - either nationally across the UK or internationally would also be interesting to us. Our aim is to recruit governors from diverse backgrounds with a wide range of experiences. Most importantly you need to have a caring attitude, willingness to get involved and a desire to do the right thing by our pupils.

How to apply:

If you are interested in this vacancy, please contact the Chair of Governors, at chairofgovernors@longfields-primary.org with a letter expressing the reasons for your interest in the role and:

- The skills and experience you have that make you an ideal candidate.
- Your commitment to undertake training to become an effective governor.
- How you plan to contribute to the future work of the governing board

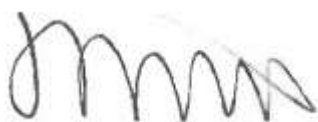
Successful candidates will be invited for a short virtual interview with the Chair of Governors and the Headteacher in September.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Please think about taking on the role or encourage other parents to volunteer. We need committed governors to make the governing board as effective as it can be.

If you know anyone in our community, including friends and family, who don't have children at our school but might be interested, please share this letter with them.

Yours sincerely



Ms J Abbott- Interim Headteacher



Mr T Futter – Chair of Governors