

Dear Parents and Carers

At the start of the school year we have had our first governors meeting and I thought it would be a good time to introduce you to the role of Governors within our School.

Governors have an important role in school to support and challenge the school leadership team, but also to monitor and support improvement and progress in teaching and learning across the school, as well as overseeing the financial performance of the school.

At the first Meeting of each year we mainly deal with procedural matters, such as individual roles and responsibilities for the Governors and the priorities for the development of the school this year. For the first time we also appointed Joint Chairs of the Governing Body, in recognition of how the role has and is changing. I am delighted that myself and Matthew Sugden have been appointed as Joint chairs for the next three years, Jacky Dickinson was re elected as Vice-Chair.

The Governing body has a number of different types of Governors. Mrs Beetles as Headteacher is a Governor, we have a staff Governor, Local Authority Governor, Parent Governors and Co-opted Governors. Governors at our School have a wide range of skills and experience which they bring to their role as Governor.

At the moment we have vacancies for a Parent Governor, **for which there will be an election process next week** and two Co-opted Governors.

We believe that our Governing Body would be further strengthened with new governors with financial skills, links with the local business community or an interest in children with Additional or Different educational Needs (SEND) However if you have a different skill set to offer that you think would be valued please also consider putting yourself forward too.

If you would like to talk more about potentially becoming a governor here at Sutton CP are please contact myself or Matt through school.

The role of Governor is ever more demanding but also hugely rewarding
Best wishes

Amanda Palfreman & Matthew Sugden
Joint Chairs of Governors



Want to know more about being a school governor?

Visit our website or read more [here](#)

School governors meet as a full board four times a year— three of these are during the day (usually starting at 12.30)

We also have two Governors Groups which meet once every half term (usually starting at 5.30)—the names of which are pretty self explanatory!

- School Business Group
- Pupil Outcome Group

Our governors are friendly, committed and hardworking and focussed on making our school the best place for our children to grow and be the best that they can be.