



Christ Church
Primary SW9
A school for everyone

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Christ Church Primary SW9 needs you!

We have two vacancies on the Governing Body that need to be filled by parents/carers and we would like as many of you as possible to consider putting yourself forward. The parent governor term of office is four years but you may step down earlier if you wish. If you would like to stand as a candidate please complete the reply slip attached along with a few sentences saying why you want to become a Parent Governor and return these to the school no later than **Wednesday 7th June 2017**.

If there are more than two candidates, an election will need to be held: The supporting statements, explaining your reasons for becoming a Parent Governor, will be sent to parents with a voting paper. Elections will take place on **Wednesday 14th June 2017**. The next governing body meeting will be held at **6pm on Tuesday 18 July** and the new Parent Governors will be welcomed to that meeting. Should there be only two candidates, those people will automatically become our new Parent Governors.

The work of governors is very important to the school. This is a great school and deserves excellent governors; we must work hard to make sure our school, its current and future pupils and our local community can thrive in the years to come. As governors, we have three main jobs – (1) setting the strategic direction and vision for the school which means making decisions about what sort of school we want to be and what we do to get there; (2) holding the Senior Leaders at the school to account and supporting them to improve the school; and (3) ensuring the financial planning for the school is effective. You will be asked to attend an evening meeting of the full governing body twice a term and work on a sub-committee of governors that will meet separately twice a term. You would also be able to visit the school once every half-term during the day to see the school in action. We are not looking for any particular expertise but rather common sense and a willingness to give your time – we will provide lots of training and lots of support. However, if you have specialist knowledge or relevant experience, do please mention it in your statement. As a school we are always mindful that the governing body should reflect the local community that the school serves and members of ethnic minority groups are therefore particularly welcomed on the governing body and are encouraged to stand for election as Parent Governors. Governors will also be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check under the Police Act 1997, Part V and will be checked against the DFE Barred List of people who are not permitted to work with children.

Please note that Parent Governors do not represent parents on the governing body – they are elected to the governing body by parents but once they become a governor, like all governors whether appointed by the local education authority or the Diocese, they are impartial. If any parent has a question about the school, their first point of call should always be their child's class teacher. If you would like any further information please refer to the 'job description' and Code of Practice available on the school's website.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Day Macaskill
 Chair of Governors

Please return this slip to the school before Wednesday 14th June 2017.

I wish to stand as a candidate for election as parent governor at Christ Church Primary SW9.

Name..... Tel No

(Please print)

Home Address

Name of Child

Signed..... Date

Remember to include your statement (a few sentences) overleaf saying why you want to become a school governor; or email it to day.christchurch.sw9@gmail.com.



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Executive Head Teacher: Ms. Jayne Mitchell
 Deputy Head Teacher: Ms. Flora Kisby
 Chair of Governors: Mr Day Macaskill