

Pirton School Needs You!

- Do you have a child at the school?
- Are you enthusiastic about the school and the education of the children?
- Can you spare some time?

We have **two** vacancies on our friendly governing body for parent governors.

This is an important and rewarding role and also an exciting and challenging time for the school - with a great new leadership team firmly in place and a new classroom on the horizon, but under increasing budget pressures and now back in the Ofsted window...

... so if you have answered yes to the above questions and think you might be interested in applying, please read on!

What is a Governor?

There are 13 Governors at Pirton School, and 4 of them are Parent Governors. Parent Governors are elected by parents of children at the school and although they are not direct representatives of parents, they should listen to the views of parents to inform their input to the Governing Body.

The main role of the Governors, together with the Head, is to set the future direction for the school, hold the Headteacher to account for the progress and achievement of the children and decide how the school's budget should be spent.

Commitment

Along with the informal induction that you will receive from the school, there is a **one-day induction course** that all Governors are expected to go on within their first six months. Lots of other training is available usually in the evenings and Governors can sign up for as much as they want.

The Governing Body **meets twice a term in the evening**. The meeting generally lasts about 2 hours. Governors also become a member of a committee (resources, curriculum or premises) and these committees usually **meet once a term**.

Each Governor is also expected to **visit to the school during the day once a year**. The amount of time that individual governors dedicate beyond that is a matter of personal choice, but many find it very rewarding.

If you think you might be interested or would just like some more information please speak to any of the existing governors, Nicola Robbins (Chair of Governors) on 711922 or nicrobbins@btinternet.com, or the Head, Joanne Webb through the school office.