

Sudbourne Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Are you interested in how decisions about the school are made? Would you like to participate in shaping the future of our Sudbourne community? This is your chance!

We are recruiting for new governors to join the Governing Body and are looking for committed parents who want to get involved.

The governing body of our school is made up of parent governors, staff governors and co-opted governors. Parent governors are elected by the parents and carer community. Parent governors are not delegates and do not speak 'on behalf' of parents, but do bring a vital community perspective to our decision-making.

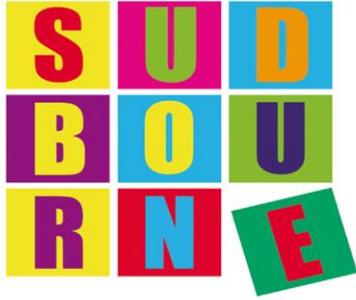
Governors do not run the school day to day - the role is strategic. Governors ensure that:

- there is a clear vision for the school
- that the headteacher performs his or her responsibilities for the educational performance of the school
- that there is sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources.

You do not have to be an expert on education to be a school governor. However, you will be expected to demonstrate a commitment to undertake training and a willingness to engage in the life of the school and its strategic development, over and above merely attending meetings. We are looking for applicants who care about the school and who are interesting in rolling up their sleeves and getting stuck into the work of the Governing Body. Relevant skills include:

- Understanding our school community and the parent perspective
- Experience of SEND issues
- Experience of being from a minoritised group (e.g. by ethnicity, sexuality, disability)
- Education experience
- Financial management/accountancy/commercial skills
- Experience of property and estate management





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We warmly encourage applicants from all backgrounds to join us. We are particularly keen to receive applications from people of colour, who are currently underrepresented on the Governing Body.

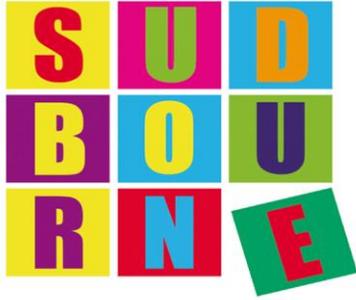
If you would like to take the opportunity to put yourself forward as a candidate please email us on governors@sudbourne.com to request an application pack. The closing date for completed applications is the [1st November 2021].

If you are interested in this area, but unsure about whether this role is right for you, some of our governors will be available at the school gate during the w/c 11th October. Please do come and chat to us. Alternatively, you can reach out to us using the email address above.

With best wishes,

The Sudbourne Governors





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Further information about the role:

Becoming a school governor is a rewarding role and will allow you the opportunity to use your skills and attributes to have a positive impact on the education of all of the children in our school. All our Governors are volunteers. They carry out their role by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The governing body of our school is made up of parent governors, staff governors and co-opted governors.

Good governance depends on 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards. We provide training and induction to explain the systems that we use.

If you join our Governing Body, you will serve for a four-year term and you can continue to the end of the four years even if your child leaves the school. You will need to set aside time to be able to be an effective governor: time to prepare for meetings, for visiting the school, to undertake training and updating. Our Governing Body expects governors to:

- attend 2 meetings of the full governing body in the Autumn and Summer terms of the year and one full day meeting in the Spring term
- sit on any Committees (e.g. resources, expansion) which would benefit from your particular skill set
- visit the school formally for monitoring purposes at least once year (usually as part of the away day)
- visit the school informally at least once a year and contribute at the Governor stand at parent information evenings
- commit to attend training courses, perform additional research as required and
- take part in monitoring at least one area within the school

In return, our governing body commits to:

- provide you with an induction
- provide access to quality training via Lambeth School Services
- provide you with an experienced governor as mentor.

