



John Donne Primary School

Woods Road, Peckham, SE15 2SW

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PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

I am writing to inform you of two vacancies within our governing body for parent governors.

What are we looking for?

Our school governing body is made up of governors from all walks of life and many come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the school and the community it serves.

We are currently looking for new parent governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- an interest in the performance of the school
- a desire to contribute to and represent the community
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
- a child or children currently attending the School

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a governor at John Donne Primary School. Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible.

What can we offer?

- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our School
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School
- The pleasure of helping students reach their potential

What is the role of the governing body?

The school's governing body is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance.

The governing body is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.



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What is the role of a parent governor?

As a parent governor, you'll work with the governing body to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a **parental perspective** to the governing body, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

As well as attending meetings governors, are also asked to look at specific areas of the school's work in more detail. To help support governors, everyone has access to further training to help build on existing skills or to develop new ones.

How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form attached to this letter and return it to office@jcademy.org.uk or drop it in to the school office by Tuesday 3rd May.

If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot of parent votes will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time of the process for this ballot.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact me.

Kind regards,



Jo Rooney
Headteacher