



Would you like to become a Parent Governor at North Walney Primary, Nursery and Pre-School?

We are looking for three new parent governors to serve on the Governing Body of North Walney Primary, Nursery and Pre-School.

You don't have to be an expert on education to be a school governor; although it's amazing how much you will learn and all experiences and skills you bring are very valuable. As a parent, you will bring a particularly important perspective to the Governing Body. You will represent parents, but you will share the responsibility with all members of the Governing Body for making decisions.

The Governing Body is made up from several stakeholder groups such as Local Authority appointed governors, community governors, a staff governor and parents. Parent Governors are elected by and from the parents and carers (those with parental responsibility) of children at the school.

What do school governors do?

All state schools have Governing Bodies whose members share *corporate* responsibility. They work closely with the Headteacher and other school staff to carry out a range of legal responsibilities including:

- planning the school's future direction;
- being accountable for the performance of the school;
- making decisions on the school's budget and staffing (including selecting members of the senior leadership team, where appropriate);
- making sure the National Curriculum is taught and deciding how the school can encourage pupils' spiritual, moral and cultural development;
- making sure that the school provides for all its pupils;

School governors are not responsible for running the school day to day: that is the Headteacher's responsibility but the Governing Body is responsible for holding the school to account.

As a parent governor, what would I be expected to do?

As a governor, you will need to be able to commit time: to attend meetings, to take a share of the workload, to visit the school during school hours and to take part in regular training.

At North Walney Primary & Nursery School, you would need to be able to attend one full governing body meeting a term and to serve on at least one committee. Committees usually meet once a term also. All meetings are usually held after school, starting at approx 5.30pm. There are also likely to be other events at the school which governors are encouraged to attend.

I'm still interested - what should I do next?

If you are interested or would like to find out more, why not contact

- ❖ the Headteacher, Paul Slater, at the school on 01229 471781 or via email head@northwalney.cumbria.sch.uk)
- or
- ❖ the Chair of Governors, Andy Brewerton via the school office on 01229 471781

We would be delighted to hear from you and would be very willing to give you any information you need and answer any questions so you get a realistic picture of what will be expected.

Anyone who wants to stand as a parent governor will be asked to complete a brief statement which would be circulated to parents if an election were needed. Successful candidates will be required to complete a child protection check and a declaration that they are eligible to serve as a governor.

Please do get in touch.



Paul Slater