



North Walney Primary, Nursery & Pre-School

"The Place to be - where Children are at our Heart"

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DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD BE GREAT AS A SCHOOL GOVERNOR FOR OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL?

If so - please ask them to get in touch or get in touch yourself so we can discuss it further



**Your
School**

Being a governor is a great opportunity to help structure the continuing development of our school for the pupils in our care, as well as ensuring a continuing full commitment to our local area and the needs of our families.

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. You don't have to be a parent, but must have an interest in the development of our fabulous young people as they learn and progress throughout their time with us.

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. You can also apply to be a Co-Opted Governor - someone who has the interest and drive to become part of the

"Creative Learning, Quality Education, Achieving Dreams"

Ofsted 2017: 'Early Years continues to be strong and the management of teaching is stronger and more effective having transformed in a surprisingly short period of time. Everyone has faith in the school which has strong pupil welfare and safeguarding with great sensitivity and caring shown to all pupils.'

Governing Body and has specific skills they can bring with them which will enhance what is already on offer through 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 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, 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 approximately 4:00pm. 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 or via email a.brewerton@northwalney.cumbria.sch.uk

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.

Once we are aware of your application, Mr Slater and I would then arrange to meet you and discuss the role in more detail as part of an informal type of interview. 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.

Thank you!

Andy Brewerton