

Join Hampshire's school governance community

Dear Parents & Carers,

We currently have an exciting opportunity for a parent/guardian to join us as a Parent Governor on the board of Padnell Infant School.

Padnell Infant School values the partnership it has with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

The role of a school governor is a very rewarding one and it will enable you to meet new people and to work as part of a team. You will gain new knowledge and skills and will be able to bring a valuable perspective to the work of the board.

Don't worry if you have no experience, as full training and support is available and you will be well supported by your colleagues on the governing body.

The governing body's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors are valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring that the governing body has access to parent perspectives and a greater knowledge of the local community.

We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and to give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's

performance, also, to play their part in ensuring that our pupils fulfil their aspirations.

Full training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support, as well as access to external governor training.

If you would like to find out more about this wonderful opportunity, then please do call (02392 263784), or pop in and see Mrs Young.

If you would like to apply to join our board, then please contact the school office for an application form, which will need to be completed and returned to the school by 12.00 noon on Monday 21st September 2026.

The guidelines giving full details about how vacancies are filled can be found on the school's website. It will also be useful to look at the information for prospective governors on the Hampshire Governor Services website:

hants.gov.uk/governors-volunteer

Please note, that for the protection of children, all governor appointments are subject to an identity and DBS check.

If there are more applications than vacancies, we will hold an election and you will be sent a voting paper in due course. You may return the ballot paper either via your child, school reception or by post.

We very much look forward to speaking with you and to receiving your parent governor application form.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Paula Young & Mrs Jackie Jones
Headteacher Chair of Governors