WANTED – PARENT GOVERNOR

We are seeking a person who fits the following description.

- Currently has a child or children at Newtown School.
- Is caring, curious and courageous.
- Shows a willingness to listen and make informed judgements.
- Is able to work well with others.
- Is interested in education generally and our school in particular.
- Has a desire to play a part in improving our school.
- Is willing to give about 10 hours per term to attend meetings, training and read documentation.

If you match the above description, you could be the very person to become a parent governor.

REWARD

In return we can offer:

- An insight into the wider perspective of the school through long-term planning.
- A chance to develop skills in strategic management.
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our school.
- Training to develop an understanding of specific management issues.
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our children.
- The pleasure of seeing children learning and succeeding.

The governing board of our school is responsible for:

- Ensuring the vision and objectives set by the school are delivered.
- Ensuring that students receive high quality education and that the conduct of the school reflects this aim.
- Working with the Headteacher on strategic planning and management
- Discussing and approving the targets for improvement
- Setting and monitoring the budget.
- Ensuring staffing matters are dealt with effectively.
- Monitoring the performance of the school.
- Ensuring that the school is fulfilling all its safeguarding duties.

GOVERNORS LINK COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS

Governors are the link between the school and the community and representatives of all those with an interest in the well-being and reputation of the school. We are all volunteers working in our own time, and we are all busy people. However, we feel that we gain much in personal development as well as a feeling of satisfaction that we have played an important part in improving education in the local community. There are opportunities to work with others on all aspects of strategic planning and management including financial oversight and personnel issues. Although we deal with the school finances, we employ staff to do the actual work on our behalf, just as we take an interest in the teaching but employ teachers to actually teach the students.

TEAM WORKING

We work together as a team. Sometimes the whole governing board is involved and sometimes we work in smaller committees or working groups. This gives us the chance to develop specific interests of our own as well as for the benefit of the whole governing board.

DIFFERENT PEOPLE

The governing board seeks individuals from as many different backgrounds as possible in order to fully reflect the community the School serves. Everyone has something to offer. Specific training (free) is available to develop an understanding of finance and budgeting, strategic planning, and personnel issues and there are staff who can support and advise individuals and the governing board in their responsibilities.

REPRESENTING PARENTS

As a parent governor you would be a representative of the parents, but you would not be mandated to vote on their behalf. In seeking to fill the post of parent governor, the governing board are looking for someone who will help them see the school from the widest possible viewpoint. We would like our governing board to represent our community. Parents are vital to the work of the governing board. As a parent governor you will be a governor in your own right with the same responsibilities as everyone else to work together as part of the governing board for the good of the school.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Governors can make a real difference to the performance of the school and have a real part to play in its success.

If you are interested and need more information, please make an appointment with the Headteacher via the school office.