

We are seeking a parent or carer to join our Governing Board!

We have one vacancy for a parent governor on our Governing Board at St. Martin's and we are inviting all parents and carers to think about becoming a governor or encouraging others to volunteer.

Parent Governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and play an important role; the Governing Board works together as a group, meeting regularly throughout the year. Together, the governors are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Life as a governor is interesting and varied and we feel sure that there are parents and carers prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

In looking to fill this vacancy, the governors of the school have identified various skills and experience that they feel would help strengthen the Governing Board and therefore we are especially seeking a parent or carer who has skills or experience in the following areas:

- Staffing
- Education
- Finance
- Health & Safety/Premises
- Working strategically within any organisational role

Being a governor is very rewarding and provides a unique opportunity to understand and contribute to the development of our school. It does require a regular commitment of time and a willingness to be actively involved in adding value to the children's experience of being at St. Martin's – it is definitely not just about attending meetings!

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. Those new to being a governor are expected to attend induction training. The term of office for parent governors is four years.

Interested in finding out more?

Mrs. Harvey and John Clements, our Chair of Governors, will be holding two Q&A sessions in school on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 5.00pm and on Friday 7th October at 8.45am. During these sessions you will have the opportunity to discuss the role and ask any questions you may have. Please come to the school office at these times if you wish to attend. If you would like to stand for election, please collect a nomination form and information pack from the school office – these will be available from 8.30am on Tuesday, 27th September 2022. Alternatively, if you would prefer an electronic copy of the pack, please email the Clerk to Governors to request one at clerk@stmartinscranbrook.devon.sch.uk. The nomination form must be completed and either returned to the school office marked for the attention of the Clerk to Governors or emailed to the Clerk to Governors by 12 noon on Wednesday, 12th October 2022.