



Dereham Church of England Junior Academy

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Are you interested in helping to support and grow our school?

If so, you may be what we are looking for as we seek to appoint a new Parent Governor

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be receiving a letter detailing information about becoming a parent governor at our school. Governors play an important role in providing challenge and support for the school to help us continue our improvement journey, ensuring we strive for excellence for our children.

The letter can appear a little daunting, so I have attached here some information from a current Governor at the school who started out as a Parent Governor and someone who was new to the role.

I first became Parent Governor in November 2019 after some time of apprehension about whether I had the skills or knowledge to fulfil such a role. After much thought and supportive discussions with Mrs Scott and the Chair of Governors, I decided to apply and give the role a go.

For the last 2.5 years, I have enjoyed the opportunity and challenge that the role of being on the Governing Body has brought me. To see the school through the eyes of not only a parent but as a governor has helped me to see the commitment and dedication of all staff within the school to ensuring that every child with Dereham Junior Academy is cared for, valued and given the very best learning opportunities to succeed. The most humbling part of being a governor is hearing from the children themselves who have told me they feel happy, safe and included within the school.

The commitment to being a governor of the school was initially a concern of mine, however I have found all the Staff and Governors to be supportive and considerate. Whilst, there are commitments and responsibilities that fall to me such as discussions with Senior Leaders around subject areas, pupil voice meetings and Governing board and Committee meetings to attend, these are not hugely time consuming across a school term and if anything are greatly rewarding and insightful.

If you have any desire or thoughts around becoming a Parent Governor at Dereham Junior Academy, I would encourage you to have further conversations around this as from personal experience I have found it to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

If you are interested then please make contact with us and we will arrange for either the Chair of Governors, the Headteacher or one of our Parent Governors to get in contact with you to discuss this further. Our meetings take part during the school day (usually 9.30-11.15am) and are held once per half term (6 times per year). Our Ethos Committee also meet once a term, but joining this committee is optional.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Scott
Headteacher