



'Creating brighter futures'

8th June 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Being a Governor at Stanton Vale

Following recent changes to how School's Governing Bodies are constituted we have created an additional Parent Governor post to ensure parents feel fully represented in this important role.

However, before we go through an election process we felt it is important that any parents thinking about this role have a brief outline of duties and responsibilities. You will have seen in local and national media the increasing accountability of school Governing Bodies and the demand on time that this role can have to be effective. However, the children and young people of Stanton Vale deserve a strong and effective Governing Body, don't they?

Effectively, School Governors are volunteers who help to **run** the school. The day to day management of the school is the headteacher's responsibility but Governors are involved in decisions about all aspects of leading the school – such as running buildings and budgets, supporting staff and setting standards.

Governors also help to make big decisions about the school's long term goals. They support headteachers, but also ask questions and make sure the headteacher is taking the school in the right direction.

At Stanton Vale you'll need to attend a Governors meeting each term, two in the summer. You'll also be expected to join one or two '**sub-committees**' which **meet once a term** – these cover different areas like the curriculum and finance or buildings. You'll need to be able to work well in a team, as you'll be making **joint decisions** on policy. Most meetings take place on Monday evenings starting at 4.30 p.m. and can be up to 3 hours long.

Demands on your time depend partly on how the school is doing generally. Being a Governor will be a **busy role** if the school's results are getting worse or it's going through a big change like appointing a **new headteacher**, could result with more meetings occurring. As a Governor you'll probably need to work eight to ten hours a month, primarily in reading documents and policies but also spending time in school monitoring an aspect of our work.

If you are interested in this role please contact Chris White (Headteacher) at the school and he can talk through the responsibilities. He can also put you in touch with other Governors that you may wish to speak with or you can find more information on the National Governors' Association website via the web page below.

http://www.nga.org.uk/getattachment/Be-a-Governor/What-do-governors-do/What_does_a_governor_do.pdf.aspx

Yours faithfully,

The Governing Body of Stanton Vale