



SOUTHWATER JUNIOR ACADEMY

School Governor application pack





Welcome to Southwater Junior Academy

Rated by Ofsted as a "Good " school in late 2017 , it was felt that our school had good quality teaching across the school ensuring that all groups of children make good progress in both reading and writing .

“ Our ambition is for every child to reach his or her full potential as an individual , be independent and confident “

Thank you for your interest in the voluntary position of School Governor at our Academy school .

Southwater Junior Academy is a wonderful school with a motivated , well led teaching team who strive to deliver the best for our children . Ofsted rated our behaviour in class as excellent , thereby making a strong contribution to progress and development .

We offer a wide range of clubs and have won many awards in the field of Sports and Music .

Our vision is to ensure that all children should have an all round education that sets them up for life . We embrace and thrive on challenge .

Our values are set around working hard , being resilient and showing kindness.

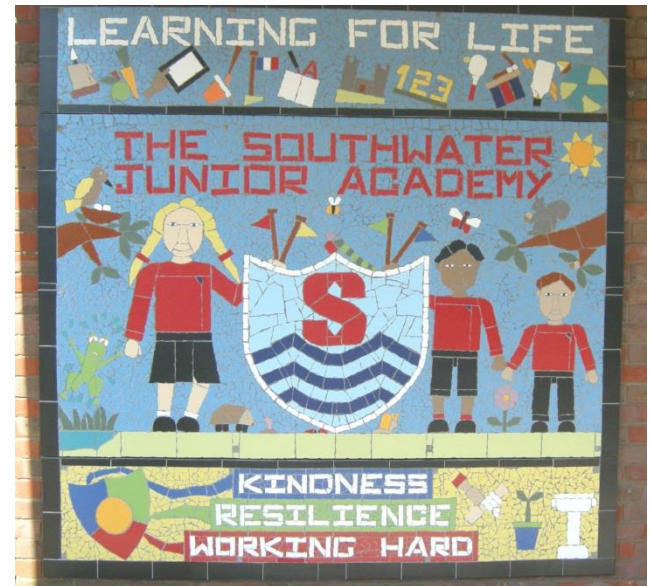
We are looking to recruit a dedicated and committed volunteer who shares these values and goals and look forward to hearing from you .

Tony Mason – Chair of Governors

SJA - What are our priorities ?

Through hard work , resilience and kindness ,
we seek :

- Excellence in teaching and learning
- Strength in Leadership
- To meet every child's needs
- Develop a self improving school



Why become a School Governor

Being a Governor is challenging but rewarding .

Why ?

- It provides an opportunity to gain an insight into the world of education
- An opportunity to develop new or build on existing skills
- You gain an understanding in key areas such as strategic planning , finance and HR
- Add value by seeking to provide the best opportunities for the children involved .
- You will work as part of a committed team .

What is the role of a School Governor ?

The role of a school Governor is to work as part of the Governing Body team , seeking to optimise performance within an agreed budget . This means that we will look to you to provide a strategic view , act as a challenging friend whilst ensuring accountability . Responsibilities would include :

- Developing a strategic plan
- Developing and supporting the school development plan
- Setting targets
- Monitoring and evaluating the work of the school
- Managing the budget
- Attending meetings
- Commitment to required training and development opportunities
- Uphold all the policies and legal requirements of the school
- Respect confidentiality
- Abide by the code of conduct .

What do you want from me ?

Governors will have a variety of skills and knowledge but there are a few qualities that we will need :

- An interest in education
- Good communication skills
- A willing work ethic as a member of a team
- Average time commitment is approx 5 to 8 hours per month and we would like you to follow through on this commitment for 4 years but as a volunteer , if your circumstances change , you can resign or be re-elected .
- You do not need to be a parent and there is no age restriction providing you are over 18 years .

Interested ?

If you are interested or require further information , please do not hesitate to contact the Chair , Vice Chair of Governors or Headteacher , email and phone contact details are shown .

Remember , Governors do not need to have specific qualifications or educational experience . However , each Governor will complete a skills audit to identify required training and new Governors will undergo specialised training.

Useful links

- National Governors Association Department for www.nga.org.uk/
- Education www.gov.uk/education/school-governance
- Ofsted www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted
- Southwater Junior Academy Clerk to Governors
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