



Bishop John Robinson CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Bishop John Robinson Church of England Primary School needs volunteers to serve as school governors and I hope you will consider putting yourself forward. The term of office is usually four years, but can be adjusted in necessary.

We hold 6 Governor meetings during the academic year. The dates for there are planned a year in advance and employees can request leave from employment to attend these (further details are available at <https://www.gov.uk/time-off-work-public-duties>). Our Full Governing Board meetings enable the governors to gain a greater understanding of the school, question the leadership team to ensure the best possible academic and pastoral education possible and to ensure the school complies with its legal and ethical obligations. The governors are also pivotal in supporting the school to plan for future development and improvement.

We are keen to hear from possible Governors who are either members of a local Christian church or are a Greenwich resident with school-age children (primary or secondary).

If you would like to stand as a candidate, please either complete the attached form or email your application to peggleston@bjrps.net as fully as possible.

The work of our governors is very important to the school in key areas such as oversight and development of the ethos and curriculum of the school; well-being of pupils and families; staff employment and use of resources. Governors are actively encouraged to visit the school throughout the academic year and are offered the opportunity to help in the oversight of particular areas (such as Special Educational Needs, Safeguarding, Finance etc.). Governors are not required to have particular expertise, rather a passion for helping the school achieve the very best for its pupils and community. If you do have specialist knowledge or relevant experience, please include this in your statement.

We currently have two governor vacancies. One will be agreed and appointed by the PCC of St Paul's Thamesmead, and the other is as a parent governor. If there are multiple applications for the latter role, a vote will be opened for parents and carers of the school community to vote. The application statements for each candidate will be shared.

Governors will also be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check under the Police Act 1997, Part V and a copy of this will be kept as part of the school's single central register for safeguarding.

If you would like to discuss the role further or if you have any questions, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Matthew Harris

Headteacher





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Governor Application

I wish to stand as a candidate for election as parent governor at Bishop John Robinson Church of England Primary School.

Full name (including title): _____

Name of child: _____ Class: _____

Home address: _____

Kindly include a statement (approximately 100 words) to support your application as school governor. Kindly include either details of your church membership or details of the school your child(ren) attend.

Signed: _____