Dormansland School needs a Parent Governor

Would you like to join us? We have a vacancy for a parent governor to join the team of 12 governors who work alongside the leaders of the school. Governors are not there to get involved in the day-to-day decisions of the school, but stand back and think strategically.

The core functions of governors are to:

1. Ensure that the **vision, ethos and strategic direction** of the school are clearly defined.

2. Ensure that the head teacher performs their responsibilities for the **educational performance** of the school.

3. Ensure the sound, proper and effective use of the **school’s financial resources**.

In line with this Ofsted consider, **How well governors**;

- Contribute to the school’s self-evaluation and understand its strengths and weaknesses, as well as ensuring they reflect on their own impact on school improvement.

- Support and strengthen school leadership, including their own development, by attending relevant training and development opportunities.

- Provide challenge and hold the school to account for improving the quality of teaching, pupils’ achievement and pupils’ behaviour and safety.

We are looking for lots of commitment, enthusiasm, an inquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions. Governors usually hold their post for 4 years, and some stay longer. Our meetings normally take place between 4-7pm and you would need to be available for about three meetings a term. Apart from that you will
need to be available to take part in monitoring visits at the school, review policies, contribute to working parties as necessary and attend regular training courses to enable you to contribute effectively. Some governors also sit on recruitment panels.

Do you think you've got what it takes? If you have any questions, please call our Chair, Trevor Smeaton who is himself a parent governor via the school. If, following that, you are interested in being a governor, please complete the nomination form attached with this flyer and return it to the school office marked for the attention of Mrs Catriona Sanderson, Clerk to the Governing Body by **midday Tuesday 10 May 2016.**

*Please note: elected members of the LA or parents who work at the school for more than 500 hours (i.e. more than one-third of the hours of a full-time equivalent) in a school year are not eligible to stand for election as parent governors.*