NOTICE OF VACANCIES FOR
Foundation Governors at
The Federation of St Mary’s and St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary Schools

Closing Date for applications: 13th July 2020

Vacancies for Foundation Governors (not necessarily a parent) on the governing body have arisen and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry.

The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment.

Foundation Governors are personally appointed by Bishop Philip, Bishop of Portsmouth to diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole.

The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all the staff. Foundation governors share the responsibilities of all governors:
• Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
• Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
• Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

In addition to this, foundation governors are appointed specifically to ensure:
• that the religious character of the school is preserved
• that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed
• that the religious education curriculum is in accordance with the Bishop’s policy for this Diocese

The school would benefit from people with time and a willingness to participate and ask questions in a variety of meetings, have time to read papers in preparation for meetings, learn new skills and have the ability to see the bigger picture.

We would anticipate having a discussion with you before you put in an application to enable you to understand the responsibilities of being a governor.

Anyone interested in the mission of foundation governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service.

Please contact Jill Wareham, the clerk to governors at clerk@stmaryspri.co.uk in the first instance.