**WANTED – NEW GOVERNORS**

Present vacancies – 2 Member Governor and 2 Parent Governor

What are we looking for? Our school Governing Body is made up of Member, Parent, and Staff Governors. Our Governors may come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the School and the community it serves.

We are currently looking for new Member and Parent Governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

* a belief in celebrating achievement
* an interest in the performance of the school
* a desire to contribute to and represent the community
* an open and enquiring mind
* the ability to look at issues objectively
* the confidence to ask questions and join in debate
* a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
* the ability to work well with others
* Member Governors – you may have a child attending the school, but it is not a requirement
* Parent Governors – you have a child attending Chauncy School

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a Governor at Chauncy School.

Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible. What can we offer?

* A chance to develop skills in strategic management
* The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our school
* Training to develop an understanding of specific school management issues
* A sense of achievement in making a difference to our school and community
* The pleasure of helping students reach their potential

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What is the Governing Body’s Role? The Governing Body of our school plays a key role in:

* setting targets for raising standards of educational achievement
* monitoring progress towards meeting these targets
* finding the right balance between supporting and challenging the performance of the headteacher and therefore the performance of his staff and the school as a whole
* deciding policy and future development plans
* upholding good governance and working towards the success of Chauncy School

The Governing Body works together as a team:

* the whole governing body - there are a maxmimum of six meetings of the Full Governing Body each year
* Governors split into two working groups, looking at specific areas of the school’s work in more detail
* Some Governors have specific responsibilities – for example, Special Educational Needs, Health & Safety, Child Protection
* In addition to a full and detailed induction programme, all Governors have the opportunity to undertake further training to build on existing skills or to help develop new ones

Being a governor can be enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding. Please don’t be put off by thinking that you have to have specialist expertise or knowledge. Enthusiasm and interest is much more important to start with and there is tried and tested training and support available to help you throughout the four years term of office. And remember, you will be joining a long established governing body and will be supported by fellow governors with many years of combined experience.

If you are interested, please contact Susan Browning, Clerk to the Governors to find out more about the role and the appointment process. (Email susan.browningk@chauncy.org.uk, phone 01920 411200, or write care of Chauncy School, Park Road, Ware, Herts. SG12 0DP

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