

Governor Update September 2022

Have you ever considered becoming a parent governor?

School governors are volunteers who work together to offer the school strategic oversight. It's a rewarding role and the governing board is strongest when it is made up of a diverse group of people. You don't need any particular qualifications or experience, only an interest in quality education.

Advance notice - We will be holding parent governor elections this half term, please watch out for further information in the next newsletter.

Sophie Lavin has reflected on her time with us as a parent governor:
As I near the end of my 4 year term, I'd like to share how taking part has enhanced my life:

- *understanding school*: learning about day to day school life, and how things are organised has helped me to engage with my child and understand his experiences
- *making friends*: getting to know the staff and the other governors, and then working together for common goals has introduced me to people I would never otherwise have met
- *getting experience*: attending strategic governance courses and taking part in high-level decision making are transferable skills that could be useful to a developing career or could help a parent prepare to return to work after a break
- *contributing to the community*: My child has finished high-school now but I feel proud and excited about the ways HCCS is developing for all of the children in our community

What do Governors actually do?

The role of the governor is to ask questions and hold leaders to account, whilst supporting school improvement and contributing to strategic decision making. You can find out more [here](#).

The board meets once a term, and each governor also contributes to two committees which also meet termly. You choose your committees according to your interests; they are Finance, Teaching & Learning, Estates & Facilities, and Behaviour & Wellbeing. You may also serve as a link governor for a particular aspect of school life or a subject area, and meet with staff twice a year.

So in total that's 11 meetings in any school year, and they are always during term-time. There are things to read in advance and all documents are shared using the school's Google drive.

If you would like to know more about the governors, or talk to us about what the role is like, please email pauline.challinor@hccs.info