

## Giffards Primary School

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### 'Valuing Everyone As Learners'

**Giffards Primary School is looking for governor volunteers to help shape the future of our academy. You do not need to be a parent; we are seeking community and business representatives. This would suit someone who has retired and/or has the time to commit to a local school.**

As an academy, we are responsible for ensuring we have a professional body of Governors – with the skills necessary to oversee the running of the school. Are you or do you know someone who is passionate about education and have/has a significant interest in helping the school not only maintain its 'Good' status but to help it improve further. Skills in finance, business, management, HR, Health and safety, education and law are particularly welcome but more importantly we are looking for people who represent the community and would like to make a difference by working closely with the school to ensure an excellent education for the pupils at Giffards.

The governing body is accountable for setting the aims and policies for the school, deciding how to spend the school's budget and helping to draw up the school's development plan. The term of office is a minimum of four years but can be extended past this. You don't need any particular qualifications or experience, but you do need to be willing and able to commit to some term-time visits during school hours as well as attending governor meetings, which typically run from 4-6pm [once per half-term].

There are many benefits to becoming a school governor. As a school governor, people have the opportunity to:

- Develop new skills and to strengthen existing ones with training available for governors
- Work with a wide range of people from a variety of social, cultural and religious backgrounds
- Gain an idea of how schools are run and how the education system works as a whole
- Enjoy the personal satisfaction and sense of achievement of working to improve the school
- Enjoy using skills already gained for the good of the local community

Governors meetings usually take place after school hours, with 6 meetings per year. Governors can take on particular responsibility for literacy, numeracy and special needs as well as many other areas that may be of interest and they have expertise in.

If you would like any more information or would like to apply please call me on 01375 672138 or email on [clerk@giffardsprimary.thurrock.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@giffardsprimary.thurrock.sch.uk) and I will be happy to explain the process. Alternatively if you know anyone who may be interested please could you forward my contact details on to them and ask them to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Truly

Mrs Sue Bryant Clerk

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